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Port Almanac—January 10.

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High Water at Wilmington	1.54 A M

The Weather.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE,
WEATHER BUREAU,
WILMINGTON, N. C., Jan 10.

Meteorological data for yesterday:

Temperature: 8 a. m., 27°; 8 p. m., 41°; maximum, 50°; minimum, 27°; mean, 38°.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall since 1st of month up to date, .01.

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., Jan. 8.—At 8 a. m. the stage of water in the Cape Fear river was 4 6 feet.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

For North Carolina—Fair till Monday night; westerly winds.

OUTLINES.

A vote will be taken in the House of Representatives next Monday on the bill to refund the indebtedness of the Union and Central Pacific Railroads. —— The report that the Corbett-Fitzsimmons fight will take place in Mexico is denied by Dan Stuart. —— The big tobacco factory of the American Tobacco Company at Danville, Va., was destroyed by fire; loss $150,000, fully insured. —— Spanish troops are reported to have destroyed a large number of huts, camps and plantations in Pinar del Rio province. — The battleship Texas will go to Galveston, Tex., February 16th, to receive the silver service to be presented to her by the people of that State. —— At Brooksville, Ky., a mob tore down a fence around the jail to witness the hanging of Robert Laughlin for the murder of his wife and niece. —— A company has been organized to buy the Chester & Lenoir Railroad and build the connection between Newton and Hickory. —— The First National Bank of Alma, Neb., has suspended. —— G H. Clarke, a travelling salesman, committed suicide at Valdosta, Ga. —— Railway officials met in Atlanta to consider the 20 per cent. cut in fertilizer rates ordered by the Georgia Railroad Commission. —— Ex-Governor Franklin Davis, of Maine, died suddenly in Bangor. —— On account of the passing of defective material by contractors, the Naval Steel Board has been reorganized, and will be controlled by the construction and engineering departments of the navy. —— A number of men were injured in a fight between Italians and Americans at a rock quarry near Paris, Tex. —— An unexpected interest has developed in the coast defence convention to meet at Tampa Fla., January 20th, and most of the States will be well represented. —— President Palma, of the Cuban Junta, denies the report that Weyler knew in advance of the movement of the Three Friends. —— A labor dispute closes the slate quarries of Wales, and several thousand persons are in consequence on the verge of starvation. —— New York markets: Money on call was easy at 1½@2 per cent. cotton was dull — middling 7⅜c; Southern flour dull and steady—common to fair extra $3 30@3 65; good to choice $3 75@4 05; wheat—spot dull and firmer with options, closing firm—free on board 98⅜c; ungraded red 79c@89; corn—spot dull but steady; No. 2 29½c at elevator and 30½c afloat; rosin quiet—strained common to good $1 70@1 72½; spirits turpentine firm at 27½@28¼c.

A man has just died in New York from the habit of carrying paper money in his mouth, which caused blood poisoning. This man made as poor use of his mouth as some members of Congress do.

The lynchings last year numbered, according to the Chicago *Tribune*, 131, of which 107 were in the South and 24 in other parts of the country. The number of negroes lynched was 80 and of white men 51.

Senator Lodge proposes to buy the Danish West Indies, for which Denmark has no particular use. While Lodge is in the real estate business he might make a bid on Cuba and see how that would strike.

Senator Sherman who favored the Cameron Cuban resolution has flopped and is now "agin" it. That's just like Sherman. He wouldn't feel comfortable if he didn't manage to get on both sides of every question that comes up.

San Francisco will soon have the most capacious wine tank in the world. There is one in Toledo, Ohio, which will hold 54,000 gallons, and one in Germany which holds 50,000, but this one in San Francisco will hold 80,000 gallons.

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The latest big windfall has struck the Himelberger family of Reading, Pa., and the remarkable thing about it is that it came from North Carolina, from an old fellow who saved up between $3,000,000 and $4,000,000, died and left it all to the Himelbergers. The only unlikely thing about this is that men with that much money are not in the habit of living or dying in North Carolina, and leaving such piles of money to Himelbergers or any other bergers.

Claus Spreckle's daughter married a man that her father didn't fancy, and when he pouted about it and accused her of ingratitude, she forthwith held a council with her new husband and sent him back the $3,000,000 of bonds and other valuables which he had given her. She is banking more on her young man than on the old man's sugar stock, and thinks him a heap sweeter.

A marriage in a church in Williamsburg, N. Y., was brought to a halt a few days ago by the announcement of the uncle of the young man, who declared that the young man was already provided with a wife and family in another town in Pennsylvania. Thereupon, in spite of the protests of the young man, proceedings were suspended pending investigation.

A Kansas band blowed so hard on the high notes sometime ago that they reached a man up in a balloon and shocked him so badly that he jumped out. As the Kansas people do not want the balloon festivities to cease, a bill has been introduced in the Legislature restraining bands when they strike the high notes.

"Angel" Dennett, who co-labored with hustler Parkhurst in the reform business in New York, has gone crazy and been sent to a lunatic asylum. But they are not right sure that he isn't playing crazy to get in and see how they run these institutions in Gotham.

Mrs. Cartier, of France, has not only achieved the distinction of having become a centenarian, but also the celebrity of never having tasted wine or coffee, which is remarkable for a French woman, raised in a country where the average denizen is partial to both.

The Bureau of Water, in Philadelphia isn't such a very high-toned institution. Those who occupy it ask only the sum of $200,000 for furniture.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

J. G. BURR—Notice.
W. B. COOPER—Flour.
D. O'CONNOR—For rent.
W. E. WORTH & CO.—Coal.
JAS D. NUTT—Open all day.
LAST CALL—Schedule B tax.
MERCER & EVANS—Cut prices.
A. PREMPERT—Expert barbers.
PETERSON & RULFS—Greeting.
T. J. GORE—Collector's notice.
HALL & PEARSALL—Groceries.
C. W YATES & CO—School books.
A. D. BROWN—January offerings.
J. W. MURCHISON—An acrostic.
J. A. SPRINGER & CO.—Coal prices.
STR. WILMINGTON—Carolina Beach.
E S TENNENT—Real estate agent.
MEETING-Stockh'rs Atlantic Nat'l B'k.
STATEMENT—Carolina Insurance Co.
MEETING-Lot-owners Oakdale Cem'y.
G. R FRENCH & SON-Shoes for boys.
J. H REHDER & CO.—Window shades.
C. W. POLVOGT & CO.-Prices reduced
DIVINE & CHADBOURN—Dissolution.
W., C. & A. R. R.—Dividend notice.
F. H. STEDMAN—Real estate broker.
BRADDY & GAYLORD—Large stock of goods.

NEW BUSINESS LOCALS.

FOR RENT—Desirable store.
P. H. HAYDEN—Buggies, harness.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Pertinent Paragraphs Pertaining Principally to People and Pointedly Printed.

— Mr. J. C. Larkins, of Goldsboro, is in the city.

— Mr. W. H. Chadbourn returned yesterday from Raleigh.

— Mr. D. Thomas, of Winston, was among yesterday's arrivals.

— Mr. C. R. Mason, of Middle Sound, was in the city yesterday.

— Mr. Edw. S. Tyler, of Baltimore, arrived in the city yesterday.

— Mr. S. Meares, of Clarkton, member of the House of Representatives, was in the city yesterday.

— Among the arrivals in the city yesterday was Mr. K. C. Barrett, of Florence, S. C.; Messrs. J. M. Long and A. Pollar, of Richmond, Va., and Messrs. R. T. Haines and R. J. Lipscomb, of Baltimore, Md.

LOCAL DOTS.

Items of Interest Gathered Here and There and Briefly Noted.

— See fourth page for other new advertisements.

— The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Atlantic National Bank will be held at the usual place, at 4 p. m., Tuesday, January 12th.

— "The Coming Woman," which was presented last Wednesday night by home talent, will probably be repeated.

— At the evening service of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Mr. H. K. Holden will sing by special request, bass solo, "O For a Closer Walk With God."

— The steam yacht *Duquesne*, which put in here some days ago for repairs, came off the ways yesterday at Skinner's shipyard. She is bound South.

— That great spectacular drama, "The World," will begin an engagement of two nights and a matinee at the Opera House next Friday evening, January 15th.

— The Italian barque *Rosa* cleared yesterday for London, England, with 7,918 barrels rosin, value $15 600 70; vessel by J. T. Riley; cargo by S. P. Shotter Co.

— Register of Deeds Norwood issues his last call to merchants and others who are liable for Schedule B tax, and who are requested to make their returns to him.

— B. D. Britton was before Justice Fowler yesterday, charged with assault and battery with a deadly weapon. He was required to give a $50 bond for his appearance at the Criminal Court.

— Beginning next Wednesday, January 13th, the fine steamer *Wilmington* will make a trip to Carolina Beach every Wednesday. The fare for the round trip will be only 25 cents.

— The *News and Observer* charges specifically, "and without fear of successful denial," that a member of the Populist caucus was offered over $5,000 for his influence in behalf of Pritchard. Well, they come high, but Hanna must have 'em.

— However the Senatorial fight at Raleigh may result, it will be helpful to the Democrats. If Pritchard is elected, it will compel the Populist party in North Carolina to make an assignment, and if he is defeated, it will give one more vote for silver in the Senate.

— Governor-elect Daniel L. Russell and family will leave for Raleigh tomorrow morning, where he will be inaugurated Tuesday at noon. A large party from Wilmington will be present at the inauguration. The programme was published in the STAR yesterday.

— The Fayetteville *Observer* reported Rev. Dr. Jos. C. Huske slightly improved Friday afternoon. His sons, Revs. John and Kirkland Huske, have arrived in Fayetteville, and Right Rev. Bishop Watson reached there on Friday morning, and proceeded immediately to the home of Dr. Huske.

— The ninth annual statement of the Carolina Insurance Company shows a steady increase in the important items of cash assets and net surplus, the former now being $70 884.76 and the latter $10 794 89. Its receipts from premiums for 1896 amounted to $18 594.65 and its fire losses to $7 070 87.

City Hospital—Meeting Board of Managers.

The Board of Managers of the City Hospital met yesterday afternoon at the Court House. The board is composed of three county commissioners and two aldermen. Present, Chairman Foster, Commissioners Dempsey and Nixon, and Alderman Maunder.

Bills were audited and approved for the amount of $783 41.

Dr. Lane appeared before the board and asked permission to have the operating room at the hospital, which was damaged Wednesday morning by the explosion of an oil stove, repaired. Chairman Foster said they would leave the matter open until he and Alderman Maunder could visit the hospital, which would be in a few days.

A communication was received from the Board of Regents of the hospital, asking that the salary of the ward master and surgeon's assistant, John Jordan, be raised. This was also deferred.

At 1.30 o'clock, the board adjourned.

A Doubtful Rumor.

There is a rumor up about Fayetteville that Messrs. J. W. and H. L. Fry, of the C. F. and Y. V., and Mr. W. J. Crosswell, of the Southern Express Company, have been to Georgetown, S. C., on a duck hunt, and that they had "big luck." Now, it may be that old man Crosswell, who is a veteran "sport," and who looks like Cleveland any way, killed some ducks; but if either of those Fry boys bagged a duck outside a barnyard, we'd like to see the "affidavies."

Sudden Death of Mr. Edward W. Moore.

Mr. Edward W. Moore, formerly of Wilmington, son of Mrs. Mitt Moore and the late Capt. Alex. Moore, dropped dead yesterday morning in New York city. Information of the sad affair was received by Mr. R. B. Clowe in a telegram from Mr. W. B. Davis, a Wilmingtonian now residing in New York. No particulars were given. The remains will be brought here for interment, and are expected to arrive by train on the A. C. L. this evening.

Associated Charities.

The STAR is requested to call attention to the fact that next Sunday, January 17, will be "Charity Sunday." Notice to this effect will be given in the different churches to-day.

The regular quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Associated Charities will be held at the office of the Association Monday, January 11, at 12 m.

OUR CITY CHARTER.

WHAT CHANGES MAY BE MADE TO SECURE REPUBLICAN CONTROL.

Board of Aldermen and the Board of Audit and Finance Will Pass Under Republican Control—And There Will Be a Republican Mayor.

What amendments to the charter of the city of Wilmington will be made by the Rep. Pop. combination of the present Legislature are known only to a "select few" of the "tried and true," and they are in no hurry to announce their schemes from the housetops. But if there are any who are credulous enough to suppose that the Democrats will be allowed to control anything they may as well dismiss that hope at once.

The Governor-elect is a citizen of Wilmington, and this fact added to the immense political influence he will wield by virtue of his official position and his prominence as a Republican leader, render it reasonably certain that whatever he may favor in regard to our city government will be enacted into law.

That legislation will be so shaped as to give the Mayoralty to the Republicans may be accepted as a certainty. There are two simple methods by which this may be accomplished, viz: by so changing the charter as to provide for the election of Mayor by the voters of the city at large, or by redistricting the city so as to give the Republicans six of the ten Aldermen. But either of these changes would make possible the election of a negro Mayor, and the redistricting plan would make it possible to elect six negro Aldermen. It is, therefore pretty safe to assume that Judge Russell will take no such risk as that; and we must, therefore, look for some other solution of the problem. There are two ways of making a Republican majority on the Board of Aldermen without making any change in the Wards as now constituted. First, the appointment of the entire Board may be vested in the Governor; or, second, the charter may be so amended as to provide for the election of one member from each of the present Wards, and for the appointment of one member from each Ward by the Governor. The result of this hybrid plan would doubtless be a Board of Aldermen consisting of seven Republicans and three Democrats; and such a Board would not have to consult a Philadelphia lawyer in order to learn how to elect a Republican Mayor.

Next comes the Board of Audit and Finance. But no change in the present law will be necessary, as the power to appoint the members of this Board already rests in the Governor. After filling the other positions it is just possible that the stock of Republican "business men" will be so nearly exhausted that it may be deemed necessary to place one or two Democrats on this Board. But this latter result is not likely; and in any event the Board will be under Republican control, with a Chairman of that persuasion to pocket the salary of $400 or $500 per year.

CITY MARKETS.

Fresh Meats in Abundance—Poultry and Vegetables in Small Supply.

Country produce was somewhat limited yesterday, the supply of vegetables being particularly small and the quality inferior. Eggs brought from 16⅔ to 20c per dozen. Prices of other articles were as follows:

Meats—Pork, 10c; hoghead cheese, 10c; steak, loin, 12½c; round, 10c; chuck, 7 to 8c; stew, 5 to 6c; sausage, 10c.

Vegetables—Spinach, 30c per peck; Irish potatoes, 20c per peck; sweet potatoes, 15c per peck; rutabagas and turnips, 5c per bunch; collards, 5c per head; lettuce, 2½ to 5c per head; kale, 20c per peck.

Oysters—New River, 80c to $1.00 per gallon; Stump Sound, 60 to 80c; Myrtle Grove, 50c; Sound oysters, 40c. Oysters in the shell sold for 60c per bushel; clams, small, 35c per bushel.

Poultry—Chickens, live, 20 to 25c each; dressed, 65 to 75c per pair; dressed turkeys, 10 to 15c per pound.

Fish—Mullets, 10 to 15c per bunch; drum, 25c per pair.

Knights of the Golden Eagles.

At the regular meeting held Friday night Stonewall Jackson Castle No. 2, Knights of the Golden Eagles, the following officers were installed:

P. C.—S. P. Hewett.
N. C.—G. J. Beach.
V. C.—C. P. Driver.
V. H.—T. H. Bowden.
M. of R.—J. A. Orrell.
C. of E.—L. H. Vollers.
K. of E.—P. R. Fowler.
S. H.—C. L. Oiler.
W. B.—R. A. Culpepper.
W. C.—G. W. Woodcock.
Ens—W. R. Bonham.
E q.—W. O. Willoughby.
F. G.—J. S. Coleman.
S. G.—S. W. Holden.

Larger Water Mains.

The Clarendon Water Works Company, under the direction of Mr. W. F. Robertson, Superintendent, are preparing to replace the four-inch water mains now in use on Fifth between Dock and Orange streets, with six inch mains. The pipe is already on the ground and the work will be pushed to early completion. The enterprise of the "Clarendon" people will be appreciated, as it will result in a better water supply for domestic use and a stronger pressure for fires that may occur in the section of the city affected.

One Cent a Word.

Hereafter advertisements to go in our "Business Locals" department will be charged one cent per word for each insertion; but no advertisement, however short, will be taken for less than 30 cents.

This is a reduction from former rates and it is also a convenience to advertisers who can calculate the exact cost of their advertisements, which must be paid for always in advance.

FERTILIZER INDUSTRY.

FOUR MANUFACTURING ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE VICINITY OF WILMINGTON.

All Have Their General Offices in the City—Heavy Shipments Being Made—Some of the Works Running Night and Day—Wilmington's Advantages as a Distributing Point.

Among the various enterprises in or near the city of Wilmington, the fertilizer establishments deserve special mention, both for the progressive spirit which characterizes their methods and for the large amount of business which they transact. There are four fertilizer concerns having their general offices here, though the factories are all located outside the city limits, viz: The Navassa Guano Company, Powers, Gibbs & Co., Acme Fertilizer Company, with plant at Crouly, and "Sans Souce" Fertilizer Works.

Heavy shipments are being made daily from all of these, the first of any consequence having been made about the first of January. Shipping for Spring and Summer crops will last through the middle of May, the late shipments going to the tobacco sections of this and other States. In August, September and October shipments will be made for use under the different grain crops. The shipping season lasts, therefore, through fully three-fourths of the year, and to supply the demand the factories, or those of the largest concerns, are kept running the year through, and at the present time both night and day. There being practically no shipments in November and December, by the first month in the year there is usually a very large amount of stock on hand.

Wilmington guanoes are sold mainly through travelling salesmen to merchants. They find a market as far South as Alabama, and are handled quite extensively in Georgia, Virginia, Tennessee and South Carolina.

The shipments for 1896 from the four fertilizer companies amounted to 70,000 tons, and all indications point to shipments equally as heavy this year. This is about the same amount as sent out from Savannah factories, and though Wilmington falls somewhat behind Charleston in the amount of goods shipped, it has a steadier trade and always sells out clear, Charleston usually having a large supply left on hand.

Wilmington's advantages as a distributing point, owing to its contingency to the ocean and its excellent railroad and river transportation facilities are too well known to require further notice. Freight rates from Wilmington to all points South are the same in proportion, with very limited exception, as from Savannah and Charleston, while the rates to Northern points are decidedly more favorable. There is at present, however, some uncertainty about rates on account of a reduction in local Georgia rates made by the Railroad Commission of that State, but it is understood that the through lines will alter port rates in some such way as that Wilmington shippers will not be discriminated against.

THE CRIMINAL COURT.

Case Against the Cape Fear Club Decided in Favor of Defendant—Grand Jury's Report—Final Adjournment for the Term.

Yesterday morning the case against the Cape Fear Club for failure to pay schedule B tax, under section 33 of the Revenue Act, was called in the Criminal Court. Geo. R Rountree, Esq., and Jno. D. Bellamy, Esq., represented the Club and Solicitor R. Richardson appeared for the State.

Judge Meares decided that the Cape Fear Club having paid its ad valorem tax and schedule B tax under section 33 of the Revenue Act of North Carolina, which sets forth that every person, company or firm selling spirituous, vinous or malt liquors or medicine bitters, or any social club or association, incorporated or otherwise, shall pay a tax of $50 semi-annually if they sell in quantities of five gallons or less, were not liable to tax under section 33 of schedule B, which sets forth that every person who buys for the purpose of selling spirituous, vinous or malt liquors shall, in addition to the ad valorem tax on his stock, pay as a license 2 per cent. on the total amount of his purchases.

The Court instructed the jury to render a verdict of not guilty.

Other cases were disposed of as follows:

Ed. Wilson, resisting an officer. Guilty; judgment $10 and costs.

Maggie Morgan, appeal from magistrate's court. Judgment of the lower court denied.

Adolph Thomas and Cephus Finch, gambling. Not guilty.

Adolph Thomas, selling liquor on Sunday. Not guilty.

The grand jury submitted report, as follows:

We, the jurors of January term, 1897, having finished all business that came up for our consideration, beg leave to make the following report. Of fifty-seven bills we find forty-nine true bills and seven not true, one returned for want of witnesses, and five presentments. We visited the county poor house and find the inmates properly cared for. They speak in the highest terms of Mr. Watson, their present keeper. We recommend that the commissioners make the following repairs: We find that the heating boiler and water-pipes are out of order, so they cannot be used at all. We find that the pumps are also out of repair, and we find window glass broken and door steps rotted down. We urge that these repairs be looked to immediately. We also visited the county jail, and find it in a good, cleanly condition, and the prisoners make no complaint.

F. A. MONTGOMERY, Foreman.

The court adjourned for the term about 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

— Mr. C. H. Helde, one of New Hanover's most enterprising and successful truck farmers, was a STAR visitor yesterday.

SENATORIAL SITUATION.

POPULISTS STILL UNABLE TO COME TO AN AGREEMENT.

Butler Failed to Get a Quorum in Caucus—Will Elect Cy. Thompson Senator If Possible—Still Insists That Pritchard Cannot Be Elected—A Short Session of the Legislature.

[*Special Star Correspondence.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 9.

There is no difference whatever in the Senatorial situation this morning. To every one on the outside Pritchard appears to be a dead easy winner. Butler's obstinacy was never better shown. The wily Senator is not perturbed in the least and he announces with all the confidence possible that Pritchard cannot be elected. When all others give up Butler has hope.

I learn this morning that Butler has sent letters to every county chairman and every important Populist to use his influence among members of the Legislature in opposition to Senator Pritchard, and to urge them to return to the majority caucus. This is evidence that Butler's position is not far short of desperate.

Republicans say that two Populists who remained in the majority caucus will vote for Pritchard when the time comes.

Judge Russell, it is understood, wants John R. Smith to be superintendent of the penitentiary. Mr. Smith has Populist support also.

There will be opposition to the Cuban resolution in the Senate. Maj. Grant is not enthusiastic over it.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

The Legislature had another short session.

A bill was introduced by Person, in the House, to increase the powers of the Railway Commission, giving it authority to maintain proceedings before the Inter-State Commerce Commission.

A bill to repeal the "Assignment Act" passed all the readings.

Hauser, of Lenoir, introduced a bill to reduce the salaries of Legislative clerks to $4 per diem.

Sutton, a bill to allow judges to limit the length of speeches of lawyers, save in capital cases.

A. L. Swinson of Wayne, was elected enrolling clerk.

In the Senate, a bill providing for the count of the vote and the inauguration of the Governor passed unanimously under suspension of the rules.

Senator Anderson introduced a bill instructing Representatives in Congress to vote for the Cameron resolution in regard to Cuba. Senator Grant said the Senate should act slowly. The matter was referred to a committee.

The majority caucus of Populists met to-night, and the following resolution, introduced by Senator Butler, was adopted:

Resolved, That the caucus, considering only the best interests of the People's party and desiring above everything else to advance in every possible way both the local and national welfare of the same, disclaims any intention of discourtesy or unfairness and regrets any action on the part of the majority which may have seemed unfair and oppressive to the minority, and cordially invites them to return for further deliberation and harmonious settlement of all party policies, with the assurance that there should be the fullest appreciation and recognition of the rights of every member of the caucus, to the end that no member of the caucus may feel aggrieved at the decision of the majority, however it may be, that the party may be united and harmonious in action.

Resolved further, That Senator Geddy be requested to inform T. E. McCaskey of the proceedings.

Thompson spoke for harmony.

The caucus adjourned till Monday night, the minority will caucus with them.

Senator McCaskey, chairman of the bolters, said to-night: "The reply is not satisfactory. We will return only under certain conditions."

Skinner says: "The situation is unchanged. Pritchard is dead certain to win."

Representatives Parker and Hodges, of Butler's caucus, said: "We will express our appreciation of the resolution with the resolution that we will vote for whom we please for Senator."

Dockery has opened headquarters here.

A number of bolters said to-night that all nineteen would support Pritchard. Butler is certainly beaten unless he can secure defection in the Republican ranks. Dockery is his only hope. Some say seven Republicans will support Dockery.

Butler will elect Cy Thompson if possible. This comes on good authority. Butler still insists that Pritchard cannot be elected.

[By Southern Associated Press.]

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 9.—In the Legislature to-day a resolution was introduced providing for an investigation of the charges of bribery in connection with the Senatorial contest.

The Populists, under the lead of Senator Butler, attempted to hold a caucus this afternoon at 4 o'clock, but there being no quorum present nothing was done. The caucus was strictly with closed doors.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

Wilmington & Weldon R. R.—270 bales cotton, 1 cask spirits turpentine, 6 bbls rosin.

Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta R. R.—385 bales cotton, 21 casks spirits turpentine, 100 bbls rosin, 127 bbls tar, 9 bbls crude turpentine.

Carolina Central R. R.—80 bales cotton, 6 casks spirits turpentine, 114 bbls rosin, 20 bbls crude turpentine.

Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley R. R.—43 bales cotton, 20 casks spirits turpentine.

Total receipts—Cotton, 698 bales; spirits turpentine, 48 casks; rosin, 290 bbls; tar, 127 bbls; crude turpentine, 29 bbls.

— Mr. Sol. C. Weill arrived here last evening from Selma, Ala., where he is one of the receivers of the Bank of Selma. He will leave on his return to-night.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

St. Matthew's English Lutheran church, Fourth street above Bladen, Rev. G. D. Bernheim pastor. Morning service and communion at 11 o'clock; evening service at 7.30 o'clock. Sunday school at 3.30 p. m. Seats all free and every person cordially invited.

First Presbyterian church, Rev. P. H. Hoge, pastor—Divine service at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.; young people's prayer meeting at 7.30. Sunday school at 3 p. m. Prayer meeting Thursday at 8 p. m. Seats free.

Services in St. John's church to-day at 7.45 and 11 a. m. and 4.30 p. m. Sunday school 3.30 p. m.

Services in Seamen's Bethel to-day at 3 p. m., conducted by Rev. Dr. Carmichael. All seafaring and river men cordially invited.

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran church, corner Market and Sixth streets, Rev. K. Boldt, pastor. German service at 7.30 p. m. Sunday school at 9.30 p. m. All seats free.

St. Paul's church, Rev. F. N. Skinner, rector. Services to-day at 11 a. m. Sunday school at the usual hour.

St. James', first after Epihany, service at 11 a. m., morning prayer; at 5 p. m., evening prayer. Sunday school at 3.45 p. m.

COLORED CHURCHES.

St. Stephen's A. M. E. church, corner Fifth and Red Cross streets, Rev. E. J. Gregg pastor. Preaching to-day at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. by the pastor. Evening subject, "The Hand of God in the Cuban War."

Central Baptist church, Rev. L. T. Christmas, pastor—This being the last Sabbath the pastor has in the city, he hopes to see the face of all who have so nobly aided his work. At 10.30 a. m. he will preach a "Summary Sermon." Rev. W. B. Oliver will preach at 8 p. m. At 7.30 p. m. the pastor will preach his farewell sermon. Sunday school at 12 m. All welcome.

OPERA HOUSE.

The Private Secretary Company Closed Its Week's Engagement with Last Night's Performance.

"The Private Secretary" closed its engagement at the Opera House yesterday with an afternoon and evening performance.

Although the play is rather an old one, yet it certainly succeeded in pleasing our theatre-goers, who, we think, know a good thing when they see it. The company is admirably suited to the piece, each one having a good conception of his or her part, especially Mr. Frank Cotton, as *Mr. Cattermole*, who is probably the most finished actor in the cast. However, he is given a "close shave" by Mr. Edwin Travers, as *Douglas Cattermole*, and Mr. Harry Dull, as *Rev. Robert Spaulding*, both of whom have a fine conception of their parts, and it is doubtful if even Gillette could improve upon their interpretation of their respective characters.

The play does not afford many opportunities to the ladies, but those which it does offer are fully taken advantage of by Misses Hyatt, Hunt and Livingston.

The part of *Mr. Marsland* is, of course, not a very prominent one, and yet Mr. Evans at all times makes one see the importance of it.

The troupe will leave this afternoon for Charleston, S. C.

A Curtain on Fire.

Yesterday afternoon while the performance of "The Private Secretary" was going on in the Opera House, a curtain over one of the windows in the balcony caught fire from a stove-pipe which runs through the window to the outside. When the fire was discovered the audience arose excitedly and started for the doors, but Manager Schloss convinced the people that there was no danger and they returned to their seats. In the meantime the stage carpenter, Neal Hays, and Sam Fuller, one of the stage hands, succeeded in extinguishing the flames, and in remarkable short order, by means of the fire hose which is kept on the stage for just such emergencies. The play then went merrily on.

No alarm was turned in, but Chief Newman was sent for and soon arrived upon the scene. The only damage done was to the curtain.

PROSPEROUS KINSTON.

Its Population and Business Increasing—A New Bank Organized—Large Lumber Mill—Electric Light Plant—Gin House Burned.

[*Special Star Correspondence.*]

KINSTON, N. C., Jan. 8.—The gin house and contents of Mr. R. C. Hill deputy U. S. marshal, situated on his plantation, about seven miles north of Kinston, were totally destroyed by fire last Tuesday morning about 3 o'clock. There were about ninety bales of cotton lying on the yard within a few feet of the gin house, but all except three were rolled to a safe distance and saved. Every circumstance points to incendiarism, and as there was no insurance the loss will be heavy.

Kinston is growing fast, and the demand for dwelling houses now far exceeds the supply. Its reputation as a tobacco market is spreading. During this, its second season as a market, 2,300,000 pounds of tobacco have been sold, and at prices which convince the farmers that a limited number of acres will pay well.

This increase in the population and business of the town has made a second bank a necessity, and to meet this demand the Bank of Kinston has been organized with a paid-in capital of $50,000 by the leading business men of the town, together with a number of our most influential farmers, and the Legislature will be petitioned to grant it a charter. At a meeting of the directors Mr. E. F. Cox was elected president, the election of the remaining officers being postponed until later. The bank will probably be open for business by the 1st of March.

The Hines Bros. Lumber Company are now erecting what promises to be one of the largest and best equipped lumber plants in the State at this place, which, when completed, will give employment to about seventy-five hands. In addition to the plant they will also erect a number of dwelling houses for their employes.

The bonds issued by the town for the construction of an electric light plant have been placed and work will shortly begin on the building. They hope to have the town lighted by electricity within ninety days.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

THE MORNING STAR.

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If there is anything you want, advertise for it. Is there anything you don't want? Advertise it in the Business Locals of the STAR. One cent a word. But no ad. taken for less than 30 cents. tf

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Carolina Beach.

ON AND AFTER WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13th, the Steamer WILMINGTON will make a trip to Carolina Beach every Wednesday. Fare for round trip 25 cents.

jan 10 1t J. W. HARPER.

Real Estate.

BOUGHT AND SOLD. LIST YOUR PROPERTY with me.

E. S. TENNENT,
jan 10 2t 19 Princess St., Allen Building.

Lot Owners' Meeting.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE LOT Owners of "Oakdale" Cemetery will be held at the comp'y's office, 114 Princess street, Monday evening, January 11th, at 8 o'clock.

RICHARD J. JONES,
jan 9 2t Secretary and Treasurer.

OPEN ALL DAY
TO-DAY,
Sunday, January 10th.
JAMES D. NUTT,
Druggist & Pharmaceutical Chemist,
jan 10 1t 220 North Front St.

FLOUR.

400 Barrels FLOUR, in wood.
100 " " 1-16 bags.
200 " " ¼ "
150 " " ½ "
100 " " ¾ "
150 Boxes SUGAR CAKES.
100 Boxes Mixed CAKES.
115 Boxes CANDY.

W. B. COOPER.
jan 10 tf D&W Wilmington, N. C.

ATLANTIC NATIONAL BANK.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Jan. 9, '97.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Atlantic National Bank will be held in the directors' room of the Bank at 4 p. m., Tuesday, January 12th, 1897.

Judges of the election,
JAS. S. WORTH,
E. S. TENNENT,
jan 10 2t I. W. SOLOMON.

Schedule B Tax.
Last Call.

MERCHANTS AND OTHERS WHO ARE required under the Revenue Act to make their returns to the undersigned, please take notice that the above tax is due on the first day of January, 1897, and payable within the first ten days.

CHARLES W. NORWOOD,
jan 10 1t Register of Deeds.

1897.
Groceries and Provisions.
Seed and Fertilizers.
Glue and Hoop Iron.
Peanuts.
HALL & PEARSALL,
Wholesale Grocers,
Nutt and Mulberry streets.
jan 10 D&W tf

Carolina Insurance Co.
NINTH ANNUAL STATEMENT.

ASSETS.

N. C. 4 per cent. Bonds	$10,200 00
Loans on Real Estate, (1st mortgage)	33,940 00
Loans on Collateral	16,300 00
Cash on hand and in Banks	9,796 89
Due from Agents	843 17
Real Estate, (office building and warehouse)	6,800 00
Accrued Interest	405 00
	$70,884 76

LIABILITIES.

Capital Stock	$50,000 00
Unpaid Dividends	198 80
All Other Liabilities	48 87
Re-insurance Reserve	8,543 00
Reserve for Losses	1,300 00
Net Surplus	10,794 89
	$70,884 76

	Cash Assets.	Net Surplus.
January, 1891	$58 943 15	$ 471 50
January, 1893	55,358 68	3,414 29
January, 1893	62,055 59	6,467 55
January, 1894	68,040 40	8,365 52
January, 1895	68,431 43	10,740 94
January, 1896	68,998 89	10,479 85
January, 1897	70,884 76	10 794 89

DIRECTORS—H. C. McQueen, D. G. Worth, D. L. Gore, Clayton Giles, S. Solomon, Donald MacRae, H. L. Vollers, D. L. Gore.

CLAYTON GILES, President. Vice President.
jan 10 2t M. S. WILLARD, Secretary.

L. H. Peterson and Henry McLean,

THE EXPERT BARBERS, CAN BE FOUND at No. 11 South Front street, where they will be pleased to serve their friends. First class work guaranteed. Shaving 10 cents. Give us a call.

Respectfully,
A. PREMPERT,
No. 11 South Front street.
dec 20 tf

The Morning Star.

By WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

SUNDAY MORNING, JAN. 10, 1897

SHERMAN DOESN'T SYMPATHIZE

Hon. John Sherman doesn't sympathize with the proposed movement to retire the greenbacks and substitute for them interest bearing bonds, and he doesn't hesitate to say so, as we gather from the following in answer to an inquiry of Mr. A. H. Walker, of Hartford, Conn., and published by Mr. Sherman's authority:

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 8, 1896.

Mr. Albert H Walker:

MY DEAR SIR—Your kind note of the 28th ulto. is received. I do not sympathize with the movement proposed to retire United States notes from circulation. I believe it is easy to maintain a limited amount of these in circulation without danger or difficulty. The maintenance in circulation of $346,000,000 United States notes, supported by a reserve of $100 000,000 gold, not only saves the interest on $346 000,000 of debt, but is a vast convenience to the people at large. The best form of paper money is that which is backed by the Government and maintained at the specie standard. The absolute security of these notes was never called in question, after the resumption of specie payments in 1879, until the reserve was being trenched upon to meet deficiencies in current revenue, brought about by what is known as the Wilson Tariff law of 1894. Very truly yours.

JOHN SHERMAN.

Senator Sherman, who has the reputation of being a great financier, and among Republicans of being a very great financier, does not seem to be very deeply impressed with the statements of that other very eminent financier, Comptroller Eckels, who informs the country that it has cost $340,000,000 to keep these $346,000,000 of greenbacks afloat, which Mr. Sherman says cost nothing. Mr. Eckels is fully persuaded that the country will never be really safe from the terrible Treasury raider until these greenbacks are called in and put through the mascerating process or incontinently reduced to ashes, while financier Sherman, who invented the gold reserve, is as fully persuaded that we can never be happy as a people without these greenbacks, and therefore, taking the deep, abiding and affectionate interest in the American people that he does, he does not and cannot sympathize with the proposed movement to retire them, as advocated by the distinguished Mr. Eckels and other more or less distinguished gold Democrats.

We are not in the habit of agreeing with the statesman from Ohio, but in this position we are constrained to agree with him and remark that his head is as level as a mill-pond. But nobody expected Senator Sherman or any other Republican statesman to sympathize in that movement for the double reason that Republican statesmen are the inventors of the greenbacks, and that the proposition to retire them comes from Democratic financiers, of whose financial accomplishments Mr. Sherman has not a very exalted opinion, in which a very considerable portion of the American people, regardless of politics or condition, agree with him. Our opinion is that if the question of retiring the greenbacks by issuing bonds were submitted to the American people it wouldn't get quite as large a vote as decoy Palmer, (who also wants them retired,) got for President, and he didn't get enough to make the votes worth counting save as a matter of curiosity.

Although the country will endorse Senator Sherman's lack of sympathy in this case and approve his opposition to retiring these notes, and saddling $346,000,000 more of bonded debt upon the taxpayers, his answer to Mr. Walker lacks that element of candor and truthfulness that the utterances of all great statesmen should have. He gives a very good reason why the greenbacks should be preserved and continue to do service as currency, but he is not truthful when he accounts for the method by which their honorable standing has been maintained, or for the use that has been made of them in raiding the Treasury.

When he says their honorable standing has been preserved by the presence of the $100,000,000 gold reserve, he simply pays an indirect compliment to himself as the originator of that reserve without one line of law as authority for so doing. He had authority under the resumption act to sell bonds to keep up a "coin" reserve, when in his opinion it might be necessary to sell bonds for that purpose, and acting on his own construction of the law he interpreted coin to mean *gold*, and sold bonds and established the first gold reserve. He having led the way without law other Secretaries have followed his arbitrary example and kept up the gold reserve without law.

He also ignores the passage of the resolution of Stanley Matthews, a distinguished Republican Senator from his own State, which to set at rest the question as to what kind of coin Government obligations were redeemable in, declared that they were redeemable at the option of the Government in silver, and that it would be no breach of faith nor impairment of contract for the Government to pay its obligations in standard silver dollars, and yet in the face of this declaration of Congress, Senator Sherman has the cheek to write that it was his little $100,000,000 gold reserve that did it

But he shows his lack of candor again and his partisan untruthfulness when he seeks to make partisan capital by representing that the trouble with the Treasury and the greenbacks began "when the reserve was being trenched upon to meet deficiencies in current revenue, brought about by what is known as the Wilson tariff law of 1894." Can John Sherman's memory be so defective as that, or is he making a deliberate misstatement to misrepresent the situation and make a point against the Wilson tariff law? Doesn't he know that the gold reserve was trenched up before the Wilson tariff law went into effect, and that there was a pending deficiency before Mr. Harrison's term of office expired, and that Secretary Foster was seriously contemplating the issuing of bonds to keep up the reserve and meet the deficiency? He had gone so far towards that as to give an order for engraving the plates upon which to print the bonds, which plates were engraved and held in readiness for use, but were not used because they feared that an issue of bonds then would operate against Harrison's renomination and his election if nominated. These same plates, slightly altered, Secretary Carlisle used in printing the first issue of bonds made by him, which was before the Wilson tariff went into operation. Senator Sherman knew all this and he also knew that Secretary Foster publicly delivered the opinion that the gold reserve might be used for other purposes than redeeming greenbacks, and he also knew that there would have been no raids on the Treasury if it hadn't been for that arbitrary decision of Secretary Foster that the greenbacks were redeemable in gold, followed by that order on the subtreasuries to pay gold when gold was demanded. That it was before the Wilson tariff was thought of, and that was the beginning of the trouble with the Treasury, as John Sherman well knew when he wrote that note to Mr. Walker. Secretary Carlisle's blunder was in following the precedent set by Secretary Foster.

MINOR MENTION.

According to the report of the Director of the Mints the production of gold in this country last year amounted to a little over $51,590,000, an increase of $4,890,000 over 1895, when the total output was $46,610,000. The production by States is given as follows which the Director thinks too high, by a few millions:

	Production 1896	Increase Over 1895
Alaska	$3 249 000	$453 000
Arizona	2 418 000	1 285 000
California	16 500 000	1 620 000
Colorado	13 000 000	
Idaho	2 474 000	695 000
Montana	4 440 000	552 000
Nevada	2,955 000	1,403 000
New Mexico	525 000	85 000
Oregon	1,600 000	410 000
Washington	352 000	30,000
South Dakota	4 650 000	780 000
Utah	1,920,000	550,000
South Apalachian States	306,000	
Total	$54 110 000	

The advocates of the gold standard point to this increase as a proof that the increasing production of gold in this country and in other gold producing countries of the world will soon supply the world with all the gold it needs for money But if all the gold mined in this country were coined it would not increase the volume of money 75 cents *per capita*. Deducting what is required for use in the arts it would not amount to 50 cents *per capita*. But comparatively only a small portion of the gold produced is coined, for much of it is sold and shipped to other countries as bullion, for there is, when there is a foreign demand for it, more profit in shipping it as bullion than in having it coined. The value of the bullion and the value of the coin are too nearly equal to stimulate the coining, and consequently there is so little coining done and so little addition to the volume of currency from this source. While gold occupies the place it does as the favored money metal and silver is handicapped as it is by discriminating legislation, of course the search for gold will be stimulated and an increase of production may be naturally expected, especially with the cheaper processes of working low grade ores.

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Intelligent people outside of the Republican party, and doubtless a great many intelligent people inside of that party, understand the bimetallic plank in the Republican national platform to be a mere pretence, a fraud to deceive the Republicans who were friendly to silver and get their votes for McKinley, consequently no one was surprised when the New York *Sun*, which supported McKinley, declared that it was put in there as a cheat. But no one expected that a respectable Republican paper would have the cheek to follow in the wake of the *Sun* and admit the same thing, as the New York *Commercial Advertiser* did when in discussing the movement for an international congress it said "as far as the pledge of the platform is concerned everybody understands that it was not incorporated to be carried out." What a brazen admission of a shameful fraud, perpetrated by men who profess to honest and honorable men. Commenting upon this admission and the declaration that "international bimetallism is as dead as Jehosophat," the Washington *Post*, a gold standard paper, but an honest one, pertinently remarks:

"We do not believe that international bimetallism is half as dead as Jehosophat or even Julius Cæsar. On the contrary, we think it is very much alive. But even if it were absolutely defunct—as dead as Abel—it would be the duty of the Republican party to ascertain and report its demise. There will be another election in this country in 1898, and a more important one in 1900 Free coinage is not by any means dead. It will show up at both of these elections, and the friends of silver who voted for McKinley will want to know what has been done in relation to that pledge. We hope there will be a better answer to that inquiry than the explanation that 'it was not incorporated to be carried out'—in other words, it was a fraud, intended to gull the simple and catch votes."

We do not believe that the Republicans who profess to be anxious for an international bimetallic congress are honest in their professions, but they recognize the necessity of doing *something* that will seem like carrying out that pledge, and they had better do something if they do not want to see the rafters come down when a cheated people get a whack at the perpetrators of this confessed fraud.

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The Raleigh *News and Observer* says it has information, which it deems reliable, that large sums of money, running up into the thousands, have been offered for a single Populist vote for Pritchard. While there is little doubt that money will be very freely expended for the election of Pritchard we have our doubts about the correctness of this information, for it is rather premature to begin the game of buying votes yet, and starting with offers "running up into the thousands." If the idea gets out that votes for him command such high prices at this stage of the proceedings it might be necessary for Mark Hanna to pass the hat around again to meet the rise later on, and we do not think that the fellows who are managing for Pritchard are going to court that kind of thing until they see just how many they will have to buy, and how much it will take to do the job. They are not parsimonious, especially as they do not furnish the money, but they believe in business and are not going to rush things and spend six dollars to the two that might be necessary. We think they have spotted their men and sized them up, and when the time comes to put down the "persuader" it will be put down in quantity sufficient to fetch 'em. But they are not bunglers and they are not going around now putting the market up upon themselves. By the way, the report comes from Raleigh that Hon. Harry Skinner has a hankering to step into Gen. Ransom's shoes as Minister to Mexico, which may account for his deep interest in and active zeal for his friend Pritchard, who will doubtless reciprocate by legging for him for Ransom's job, if through Skinner's aid he should get a renewal of his job.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—— Mr. Wanamaker's talk of keeping up the fight sounds all right, but he will soon ascertain that the defeated nag has a very small following on the return trip to the barn.—*Washington Post, Ind.*

—— The pamphlet sent out from the Agricultural Department showing that 6,500,000 voters are either illiterates or idiots, doesn't seem to attract as much attention as it deserves.—*Atlanta Constitution, Dem.*

—— We always knew the Japanese were so insanely imitative of Western methods that they would never feel happy until they had a run on their banks and a real panic, just like the Americans. Their Emperor should comfort them by proclaiming that an object lesson of hard times is salutary and good for whatever ails them. —*Washington Times, Dem.*

—— Owners of anything, from a Texas steer to a bantum rooster or pouter pigeon, are demanding "protection." A foreigner reading the contemptible whining emitted in the hearings before the Ways and Means Committee, would conclude that, as a people, if these are fair representatives. Americans are greedy, cowardly, unmanly and woefully ignorant of what would be good for them.—*Chattanooga Times, Dem.*

QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

Rev. R. C. Beaman, recently appointed by the North Carolina Annual Conference of the M. E. Church, South, Presiding Elder of the Wilmington District, has made his appointments for the first round, as follows:

Wilmington, Grace church, January 9, 10.

Southport, January 16, 17.

Scott's Hill circuit, at Scott's Hill, January 23, 24.

Wilmington, at Market Street, January 31.

Wilmington, Bladen Street (night), January 31.

Burgaw circuit, at Rocky Point, February 6, 7.

Clinton circuit, at Keeners, February 13, 14.

Jacksonville and Richlands, at Jacksonville, February 20, 21.

Elizabeth circuit, at Elizabethtown, February 27, 28.

Kenansville circuit, at Kenansville, March 6, 7.

Onslow circuit, at Queen's Creek, March 13, 14.

Brunswick circuit, at Concord, March 20, 21.

Columbus circuit, Evergreen, March 27, 28.

Whiteville and Fair Bluff, Whiteville (night), March 28.

Waccamaw circuit, Shiloh, March 30.

Magnolia circuit, Magnolia, April 3, 4.

Bladen circuit, at Bethlehem, April 10, 11.

Free Pills.

Send your address to H. E. Bucklen & Co., Chicago, and get a free sample box of Dr. King's New Life Pills. A trial will convince you of their merits. These pills are easy in action and are particularly effective in the cure of Constipation and Sick Headache. For Malaria and Liver troubles they have been proved invaluable. They are guaranteed to be perfectly free from every deleterious substance and to be purely vegetable. They do not weaken by their action, but by giving tone to the stomach and bowels greatly invigorate the system. Regular size 25c per box. Sold by R. R. BELLAMY, Druggist. †

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Monroe *Journal:* Mrs. Belk, the wife of Mr. Eli Belk, of Goose Creek township, died on the 28th, aged 70 years.

— Charlotte *News*: Mr. John C. Mallone informs us that he has sold the Elliott furniture factory to a firm of outside capitalists, who will at once put the factory in operation. The parties will move to Charlotte to reside.

— Oxford *Ledger*: A large number of our town people joined the farmers around Enon in two fine rabbit hunts during the holidays. The first afternoon 35 were captured and the second days' hunt some 200 joined in the great sport, and some 75 old hares bit the dust.

— Smithfield *Herald*: Mr. Hilary Hinnant, of Wilder's township, raised and fattened 2,362 pounds of pork from one sow in seventeen months, and has one litter of nine pigs which, at this time, will average thirty pounds each. These hogs are of the Poland-China and Queen Victoria breed.

— Newton *Enterprise*: Newton has the champion eater. He went into a restaurant a few days ago and ordered a pint and a half of oysters stewed, which he ate with plenty of crackers. He then ordered a box of sardines and soon got on the outside of them. Then upon a wager he swallowed a full half gallon of raw oysters to keep the stewed oysters and sardines company.

— Morganton *Herald*: Deputy Marshals F. B. Brittain, Sid Coffey, and Vance Hallman made a raid in the South Mountains last Sunday morning and captured a blockade distillery belonging to Chance Hoyle twelve miles south of Morganton. Hoyle was in the distillery when the officers made their appearance, but he escaped.

— Greenville *Reflector*: In the neighborhood of Frog Level mad dogs seem to be numerous. To-day Rev. J. W. Smith tells us that a mad dog bit at one of Mr. N. W. Tyson's little boys, who was at the school house in the neighborhood. The dog did not bite the flesh, but tore his pants. A little girl was also attacked by the same dog, but did no further damage than tearing her dress. The neighborhood is aroused and there will be some dead dogs around there soon.

— Raleigh *News and Observer* Edgar R. Gay, one of the leading merchants of Wilson and one of the most popular citizens, died there Thursday, of consumption. ——Mr. Jno. T. Daly, who lives near La-Grange died of heart disease Wednesday afternoon, aged 52 years. —— Gov. Carr offered yesterday $150 reward for the capture of Jeff. Davis, colored, who killed a white man named Spain, on December 25th, in Halifax county. Davis is five feet ten inches high and weighs 175 pounds.

TWINKLINGS.

— Dusty Roads (contemplating the sign "Fancy Work")—"H'm. some people pretend to."—*Boston Transcript.*

— Jones—"It is important that there should be an exact legal definition of a meal."

Smith—"Yes. Do you think a special session of the Legislature should be called, or should the definition be incorporated in the State constitution?"—*Puck.*

— Yeast—"Where did you get that cigar?"

Crimsonbeak—"Bacon gave it to me."

"Does Bacon smoke much?"

"Well, no; I shouldn't call this much." —*Yonkers Statesman.*

— Willie—Papa, I should think you'd know better than to always want to keep me doing just as you had to when you were a boy.

Mr Jones—And why, sir?

Willie—Well, you see what it made out of you.—*Cleveland Leader.*

— Walker Boutt—"Please, mem, could yer give a poor felley wot's sufferin' a small bite o' col' roast beef?"

Kind Lady—"Yes, my poor man. What are you suffering from?"

Walker Boutt—"Turkey, mem. I ain't hed nothin' ter eat but turkey since Friday noon."—*Omaha World Herald*

— "Are you making any New Year's resolutions, Benedix?"

"Don't have to; my wife says I'm simply perfect."—*Chicago Record.*

— A favorite story of Sir Andrew Lusk, who some time back retired from public life, is that of an old Essex lady who wrote to him after he had passed a heavy sentence on a man for cruelty to a donkey, "thanking him in her own name and that of all the donkeys in the United Kingdom"—*Tid-Bits.*

Oyster Loving Felines.

"The greatest epicures in the matter of oysters that I ever knew of," said Jack, the oysterman, "are a couple of cats, pets about the house here. They're passionately fond of oysters, and I guess each one of them could eat a couple of dozen a day if they got the chance. A peculiar thing about them is that they wouldn't think of eating an oyster unless they get it on the half shell. I might offer them 100 shelled in a dish, but they'd turn up their noses and walk away. It's funny, but here's another thing that shows the sagacity of an oyster eating cat—and cats, by the way, when they take to oysters at all, simply go wild over them.

"A friend of mine has a young Maltese cat that eats oysters like a fiend. Once a week the family has oysters, and that cat seems to know just when the oysters are coming, for it goes across the street to the market and watches for the oysterman to start out with the oysters for its master's house. Then the cat runs along after him, jumping up at the kettle and going through all sorts of crazy antics until the house is reached. The servant girl has to give the cat a dozen or more oysters before it is satisfied."—Philadelphia Record.

Last Century Belles.

A writer in a fashionable journal remarks on the vast change that has taken place in personal cleanliness with the last century. When ladies wear powdered hair nowadays and when they make such herculean efforts to get their hair clean again, it will give them an idea of what their great-grandmothers must have endured when they wore their hair powdered all the time. In fact, paint, patches and powdered hair were not conducive to thorough neatness.

People in the days of powder depended more on strong perfumes than on soap and water. Many will recall the well known lines in which Pope revenged himself on Lady Mary Wortley Montagu, who, brilliant and intellectual as she was, had, as had been tersely said, "an inadequate appreciation of clean linen." In fact, many a famous beauty of that time was "by turns a slattern or a belle."

It is disenchanting to know that the famous Duchess of Devonshire was a "dowdy in the morning, that critical hour when a woman should be as fresh as Venus rising from the waves."

A Suggestion.

Mrs. Spendem (trying on a new bonnet) —Dear me, how small the bonnets are this season! This doesn't suit my face at all. It's such a little thing!

Mr. Spendem (examining paper)—Better wear the bill. That seems big enough! —London Fun.

THY GIFT.

HARIET FRANCENE CROCKER

What is thy gift, Oh, friend—is it to sing?
Is it to upward bear on tuneful wing
Thy pure voice with its thrilling notes that lift
Earth-hampered souls to Heaven? Is that thy gift?
If that is what thy God hath given thee
Oh use it, dear one, use it faithfully!

Sing for the poor and old—for those whose life
Has naught of music in its toil and strife;
For little children whose adoring eyes
Shall follow thine from earth to Paradise;
For sick and weak ones on their bed of pain
Thy simple song shall seem an angel's strain.

Is it thy gift to write? Then trim thy pen
And carefully and prayerfully indite
The highest, holiest thoughts till busy men
Are glad that 'tis thy gracious gift to write,
And glad that in the world's great rushing throng
Thy silent pen moves gloriously along.
Write then, Oh, friend, write for the good and true,
Speed thy swift pen—there's work for thee to do!

Is it thy gift to simply keep the home?
Thine just to live in quiet atmosphere
And daily toil with hands that all alone
Must keep the hearthstone bright and full of cheer?
Is it thy gift to hold a little hand
And lead it through childhood's happy land?

What is thy gift? Search well thy heart and find,
That one thing thou canst do the best of all,
And do it—do it! Joy shall then be thine
And Heaven's happiness on thee shall fall.
Thy gift—it is a sacred trust to thee.
A gift from God! Oh, use it faithfully!

SUNDAY SELECTIONS.

— God sees heroes where men see only the commonest kind of people.—*Ram's Horn.*

— We may be able to get rid of God's man, but never of God's truth.—*Ram's Horn.*

— Every dollar some men get increases their chance of missing heaven. —*Ram's Horn*

— I knew a minister who lived in the way of provisions by faith and his wife by keeping boarders.—*Dr. Henson.*

— It is ever my thought that the most God-fearing man should be the most blithe man.—*Thomas Carlyle.*

— We may imitate a painter by duplicating one of his characteristic pictures. We can imitate Christ only by duplicating his spiritual life.—*Greensboro Christian Advocate.*

— Prayer is so mighty an instrument that no one has thoroughly mastered all its keys. They sweep along the infinite scale of man's wants and of God's goodness.—*Hugh Miller.*

— Christ as one man filled up the multitude of 5,000 men with bread; now it takes the enslavement of 5,000 white men to fill up with money the pockets of one monopolist.—*Rev. B. B. Usher.*

— We must pray that the Spirit of Faith may lay hold of human hearts, both in the church and out of it, and make the spiritual as vivid and real to them as the material, the heavenly as the earthly, the eternal as the temporal.

— The children of Belgium have a charming Christmas legend about Santa Claus's Pony. They always place their wooden *sabots* on the window-ledge, stuffed full of oats, hay, and fodder for the "dear Christmas pony." In the early morning they run on tiptoe to look; and behold! the hay is all gone, and the shoes are brimming over with toys and sweetmeats! Then the children clap their hands with glee, and wish they could only have waked in time to see the pony munching his oats. That would have been such fun!—*L. F. Mosby, in St. Nicholas.*

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"Pick Leaf"!

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Exercise and Growth.

An eminent authority declares that judicious exercise has great influence on the growth of a human being. The stature is increased by hanging by the arms, and some experiments have been made with a view to ascertain whether hanging by the head has any effect on the length of the spinal column. It is claimed that a bed constructed on an angle of 45 degrees may be a useful accessory to growth. The body rests on the bed and is kept in place by a harness that passes under the arms and around the shoulders. The head is very slightly drawn upward by a set of straps, these latter being so arranged that only a very slight pull comes on the spinal cord above the shoulders. The support is little more than the weight of the head itself, the idea being to remove all downward pressure from the spinal column. One student of this process has in addition attached light weights to his feet. He watches his conditions very carefully and ceases his experiments if there is even the slightest sensation of discomfort or irritation along the spinal column. Just what effect this will have on the growth it is as yet too early to determine, but it is believed that removing all weight from the spine and keeping the body fully extended during the hours of sleep will, if managed with prudence, increase the stature to a considerable degree.—New York Ledger.

Mesmerizing a Cat.

One day not long ago a well known Lewiston physician attempted to mesmerize a cat. Several people dropped in to see the operation. The cat was put into a box in order that she would not run off, and a couple of looking glasses were moved slowly about in front of the feline eyes. All went well for a few minutes. The cat seemed surprised and straightened out its neck, then shut its eyes and seemed to be asleep. The doctor turned with a look of triumph to those about him, but before he could speak the cat "lit" out of the box and landed on top of the physician's head, where it proceeded to scratch right and left. After a tough struggle, during which the little animal seemed to be anxious to hold the vantage ground it had gained, the doctor shook it off into a corner.—Lewiston Journal.

Newfoundland's Wealth.

Here are some of the sources of Newfoundland's wealth: The money value of the crop of codfish and its products ranges from $4,000,000 to $6,000,000. Add another $2,000,000 of annual export values of other descriptions of fish and another $2,000,000 for metallic ores and other descriptions of merchandise.

A Saving System.

"I saved a big pile of money today," said Mr. Hardhead.

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If a man really has an idea, he can communicate it, and if he has a clear one he will communicate it clearly.—Emmons.

That Tired Feel-

Extreme tired feeling afflicts nearly everybody at this season. The hustlers cease to push, the tireless grow weary, the energetic become enervated. You know just what we mean. Some men and women endeavor temporarily to overcome that

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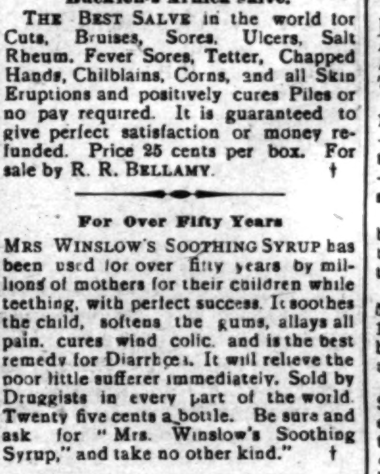

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BAGGING—			
2 ℔ Jute		@	6
Standard		@	6¾
WESTERN SMOKED—			
Hams ℔ ℔	12	@	14
Sides ℔ ℔	6	@	7
Shoulders ℔ ℔	6	@	6¾
DRY SALTED—			
Sides ℔ ℔	4¼	@	4½
Shoulders ℔ ℔		@	4½
BARRELS—Spirits Turpentine—			
Second-hand, each	1 00	@	1 10
New New York, each	1 35	@	1 40
New City, each		@	1 40
BEESWAX ℔ ℔	23	@	24
BRICKS—			
Wilmington ℔ M	6 50	@	7 00
Northern	9 00	@	14 00
BUTTER—			
North Carolina ℔ ℔	15	@	
Northern	23	@	
CORN MEAL—			
Per Bushel, in sacks	40	@	42½
Virginia Meal	40	@	42½
COTTON TIES—℔ bundle		@	1 60
CANDLES—℔ ℔—			
Sperm	18	@	25
Adamantine	9	@	10
CHEESE ℔ ℔—			
Northern Factory	10	@	11
Dairy, Cream	11	@	12
State		@	10
COFFEE—℔ ℔—			
Laguyra	20	@	
Rio	10	@	16
DOMESTICS—			
Sheeting, 4-4, ℔ yard		@	5¾
Yarns ℔ bunch	18	@	20
EGGS—℔ dozen		@	20
FISH—			
Mackerel, No 1, ℔ barrel	22 00	@	30 00
Mackerel, No 1, ℔ half-barrel	11 00	@	15 00
Mackerel, No 2 ℔ barrel	16 00	@	18 00
Mackerel, No 2 ℔ half-barrel	8 00	@	9 00
Mackerel, No 3, ℔ barrel	13 00	@	14 00
Mullets, ℔ barrel	3 00	@	3 50
Mullets, ℔ pork barrel	5 75	@	6 50
N C Roe Herring, ℔ keg	3 00	@	3 25
Dry Cod, ℔ ℔	5	@	10
" extra	3 25	@	3 50
FLOUR—℔ barrel—			
Low grade		@	3 75
Choice		@	4 50
Straight	5 00	@	5 25
First Patent	5 50	@	5 75
GLUE—℔ ℔—	7½	@	8½
GRAIN—℔ bushel—			
Corn, from store, bags—White	43½	@	45
Corn, cargo, in bulk—White	40	@	42½
Corn, cargo, in bags—White	40	@	42½
Oats, from store	30	@	32½
Oats, Rust Proof	40	@	45
Cow Peas	45	@	50
HIDES, ℔ ℔—			
Green		@	10
Dry		@	8
HAY, ℔ 100 ℔s—			
Eastern		@	1 05
Western		@	90
North River		@	85
HOOP IRON, ℔ ℔	2	@	2½
LARD, ℔ ℔—			
Northern	5¼	@	6¼
North Carolina	6	@	10
LIME, ℔ barrel		@	1 25
LUMBER (city sawed) ℔ M feet—			
Ship Stuff, resawed	18 00	@	20 00
Rough-edge Plank	15 00	@	16 00
West India cargoes, according to quality	13 00	@	18 00
Dressed Flooring, seasoned	18 00	@	23 00
Scantling and Board, common	14 00	@	15 00
MOLASSES, ℔ gallon—			
New Crop Cuba, in hhds		@	22
" " in bbls		@	25
Porto Rico, in hhds	27	@	29
" in bbls		@	30
Sugar-House, in hhds	12	@	14
" in bbls	14	@	15
Syrup, in bbls	13	@	[illegible]
NAILS, ℔ keg, Cut 60d basis		@	2 00
PORK, ℔ barrel—			
City Mess	9 00	@	9 25
Rump		@	9 75
Prime		@	9 75
ROPE, ℔ ℔	10	@	22
SALT, ℔ sack, Alum		@	75
Liverpool		@	65
Lisbon		@	
American		@	65
On 125 ℔ Sacks	40	@	45
SHINGLES, 7-inch, ℔ M	5 00	@	6 50
Common	1 50	@	2 25
Cypress Saps	2 50	@	3 50
SUGAR, ℔ ℔—Standard Granu'd		@	[illegible]
Standard A		@	[illegible]
White Ex. C		@	[illegible]
Extra C, Golden	4	@	[illegible]
C Yellow		@	[illegible]
SOAP, ℔ ℔—Northern	3¼	@	4
STAVES, ℔ M—W. O. barrel	8 00	@	14 00
R. O. Hogshead		@	10 00
TIMBER, ℔ M feet—Shipping		@	[illegible]
Mill, Prime		@	7 00
Mill, Fair	6 50	@	[illegible]
Common Mill	4 00	@	[illegible]
Inferior to Ordinary		@	[illegible]
TALLOW, ℔ ℔	5	@	
WHISKEY, ℔ gallon—Northern	1 00	@	2 00
North Carolina	1 00	@	2 00

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE, January 9

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market opened dull at 25½ cents per gallon for machine-made casks, and 25¼ cents for country casks; and closed with sales at 25¼ and 25 cents.

ROSIN.—Market firm at $1 40 per bbl for Strained and $1 45 for Good Strained.

TAR.—Market steady at $1 00 per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE.—Firm. Hard 1 40, Yellow Dip 1.90, and Virgin 1 80 per barrel.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine 28½@28c; rosin, strained, $1 35; good strained $1 40; tar $0 90, crude turpentine $1 10, 1 40, 1 80.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine	48
Rosin	220
Tar	127
Crude Turpentine	22

Receipts same day last year—93 casks spirits turpentine, 583 bbls rosin, 154 bbls tar, 9 bbls crude turpentine.

COTTON

Market firm on a basis of 6⅝c for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	4¼	cts ℔ ℔
Good Ordinary	5⅜	" "
Low Middling	6¼	" "
Middling	6⅝	" "
Good Middling	6 15-16	" "

Same day last year, middling 7⅞c.

Receipts—628 bales; same day last year 567.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina—Prime, 40@50c per bushel of 28 pounds; Extra Prime, 55c; Fancy, 60@65c. Virginia—Extra Prime, 60@65c; Fancy, 65@70c.

CORN—Firm; 38 to 40 cents per bushel.

ROUGH RICE—65@70 cents per bushel.

N. C. BACON—Steady; Hams, 8 to 11½c per pound; Shoulders, 6 to 7c; Sides, 7 to 8c.

SHINGLES—Per thousand, five inch hearts and saps, $1.60 to 2.25; six inch, $3.50 to 3 50, seven inch, $5 50 to 6.50.

TIMBER—Market steady at $3.00 to 7.50 per M.

DOMESTIC MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

FINANCIAL.

NEW YORK, January 9—Evening.—Money on call to-day was quoted easy at 1½@2 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 3½@4 per cent. Sterling exchange was firm, with actual business in bankers bills 484½@484¾ for sixty days; 487@487¼ for demand. Commercial bills 482½@483½. Government bonds steady; United States coupon fours 111½. United States twos 95½; State bonds dull; North Carolina fours 100; North Carolina sixes 120½. Railroad bonds firm.

Silver at the Stock Exchange to day was neglected.

COMMERCIAL.

NEW YORK, January 9—Evening.—Cotton dull; middling 7⅜c.

Cotton futures—market closed steady; January 7 10, February 7 13, March 7 21 April 7 27, May 7 35 June 7 40 July 7 45, August 7 45, September 7 17 October 7 14, November 7 13. Sales 102 700 bales.

Cotton—net receipts 1,275 bales; gross 1,685 bales; exports to Great Britain —— bales; to France —— bales; to the Continent —— bales; forwarded —— bales; sales —— bales; sales to spinners — bales; stock 297,390 bales.

Total to-day—Net receipts 10 184 bales; exports to Great Britain 3 123 bales; to France 21,143 bales; to the Continent 2 800 bales; stock 1,193,530 bales.

Total since September 1—Net receipts 5 103 255 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,994,908 bales; exports to France 444,226 bales; exports to the Continent 1,172,536 bales.

Flour was dull, steady and unchanged; Southern dull, steady and unchanged; common to fair extra $3 30@3 65; good to choice $3 75@4 05. Wheat—spot dull and firmer with options; free on board 93¾c; ungradedred 79@89c; No. 1 Northern 93¾c; options advanced ⅜@1c, declined ⅛@½c, rallied ⅛c and closed firm at ⅜c over yesterday, No. 2 red January 90c, March 91⅜c; May 87⅜; July 83⅝c. Corn—spot dull but steady; No. 2 29¼c at elevator and 30¼c afloat; options were dull and easy at ⅛c decline; January 29⅛c; May 31c; July 31⅞c Oats—spot dull but steady; options dull but steady; January 22c; February 22¼c; May 23c; spot prices—No. 2 22¼c. No. 2 white 24½c; mixed Western 22@24 Lard quiet and firmer; Western steam $4 50, city $4 25, January $4 15; refined lard quiet; Continent $4 50, South America $4 70; compound $4 25@4 50. Pork firm; new mess $8 25@8 75. Butter quiet State dairy 10@15½c; do. creamery 13@19c; Elgins 20c. Eggs were quiet; State and Pennsylvania 18@20c; ice house 14@15c; Western fresh 17@18c. do. per case $1 75 @3 30; Southern 17@17½c; limed 14@14½c. Cotton seed oil firmer and demand better; yellow prime 23@23½c Rice firm and unchanged. Peanuts were steady; fancy hand-picked 3⅜@4c. Coffee barely steady and 10 to 15 points down; January $9 55, March $9 65@9 70, April $9 75; May 9 75@9 80, July $9 85 9 90; September $9 95@10 05 December $10 10; spot Rio nominal; No. 7 $10 25. Sugar—raw dull but steady; fair refining 3 13-16@3⅞c; centrifugals 96 test 3 3 16 @3⅜c; refined quiet and unchanged.

CHICAGO, Jan. 9.—Cash quotations Flour quiet, easy and prices unchanged Wheat—No. 2 spring 78½@80½c; No. 2 red 87½@88½c. Corn—No 2 22¼@22¾c. Oats—No. 2 —c. Mess pork $7 75 @7 80. Lard, $3 90@3 92½. Short rib sides, loose, $3 90@4 15 Dry salted shoulders, boxed, $4 25@4 50. Short clear sides, boxed, $4 00@4 12½. Whiskey $1 18.

The leading futures ranged as follows opening, highest, lowest and closing: Wheat—January 78½, 78⅝ 78½ 78⅝ May 81⅝@81⅞, 81⅞ 81¼ 81½c. July 77½, 77⅝, 76⅞, 77½c. Corn—January 22⅝, 22⅝, 22⅜ 22⅜c; May 25 25, 24⅝ @24⅞ 24⅞c; July 26, 26 25⅞, 25⅞c Oats—January 16, 16, 15⅞, 15⅞c; May 19, 19, 18⅞, 18⅞c. Pork—January $7 70, 7 72½, 7 70 7 72½; May $7 95, 7 97½ 7 92½, 7 97½ Lard—January $3 92½, 3 92½ 3 92½, 3 92½; May $4 05, 4 07½ 4 05, 4 07½. Short ribs—January $4 00, 4 00, 4 00, 4 00, May $4 07½ 4 10, 4 07½, 4 10.

BALTIMORE, January 9.—Flour quiet. Wheat inactive and higher; spot 93¼@93½c; May 88⅜@88¾c; Southern by sample 93@95c; do on grade 88¼@93½c. Corn easy; spot and January 27¼@27½c; February 27¼@27⅜c; March 27⅜@27¾c; April 28⅜@28⅝c. Steamer mixed 25¼@25½c; Southern 23¼@28¼c. Oats steady, No. 2 white 25@25½c; No. 2 mixed 21@22c.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

January 9.—Galveston, firm at 6 15-16, net receipts 5 734 bales; Norfolk, firm at 6 15-16, net receipts 1,504 bales; Baltimore, nomial at 7¼, net receipts — bales; Boston, quiet at 7 3 16, net receipts 1,401 bales, Wilmington, firm at 6⅝ receipts 628 bales; Philadelphia, firm at 7⅜c, net receipts 296 bales; Savannah, steady at 6 13-16, net receipts 1,205 bales; New Orleans, firm at 7, net receipts 6 685 bales; Mobile, steady at 6⅞, net receipts 188 bales; Memphis, firm at 6 13-16, net receipts — bales; Augusta, steady at 7 1 16, net receipts 328 bales; Charleston, firm at 6 11-16, net receipts 1 529 bales

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FOREIGN MARKETS

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LIVERPOOL, Jan. 9.—12.30 P. M.—Cotton, fair demand and prices 1 16d higher. American middling 4 1-16d. Sales 10,000 bales, of which 8,700 were American; speculation and export 1,000. Receipts 24,000, of which 21,900 were American. Futures opened steady and demand moderate. January 4@4 1-64d; January and February 3 63-64d; February and March 3 63 64@4d; March and April 3 63 64@4d; April and May 4d; May and June 4@4 1 64d seller June and July 4 1 64d; July and August 4 2-64d; August and September 4 1-64d. Futures steady.

Spot prices: American middling fair 4 7-16d; good middling 4 5 32d; middling 4 1 16d; low middling 3 15-16d; good ordinary 3 13 16d; ordinary 3⅝d.

1 P. M.—American middling 4 1 16d. January 4 1 64d seller; January and February 3 63-64@4d; February and March 3 63 64@4d; March and April 3 63 64@4d; April and May 4d. May and June 4@4 1 64d; June and July 4 1 64@4 2-64d; July and August 4 2 64d seller; August and September 4@4 1-64d seller. Futures closed steady.

MARINE.

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CLEARED.

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EXPORTS.

FOREIGN.

LONDON—Ital barque Rosa—7,913 bbls rosin.

NASSAU—Schr Mabel Darling—236,000 shingles, 2,000 feet lumber 50 doors, 20 bbls flour, 31 do tar; 36 do pitch, 3 do rosin, 1 cask spirits turpentine.

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I tender, my love, to thee.
—Frank H. Sweet in Detroit Free Press.

A RECONCILIATION.

The fog that had prevailed during the early hours of the morning disappeared before the bright rays of the sun as it arose above the mountains. We had a clear view of the Juniata from the point, a mile above us, where it surged around a little bluff, crowned with a clump of budding trees, until it was lost again in a gap in the dark, green ridges a mile below. At our feet rushed the swollen river, which the heavy rains that had deluged the country during the week previous had transformed from a peaceful little stream into an angry flood, so that it stretched out its arms and despoiled many a rich farm and laborer's home. Now it was bearing its booty on its broad, turbulent bosom to the valleys below, there to cast it aside. On the day before a barn, with frightened fowl perched high upon its peaked roof, had floated by the spot where Sam Soper and I were standing. Several small frame houses, corncribs and other rickety farm buildings had gone bobbing merrily along on the swift current; great trees, uprooted by the greedy waters, barrels, boxes and household furniture had we seen. Today the flood was ebbing. Its strength was gone. The rains had ceased, and for the first time after many days we could see the sun overhead.

I glanced from the river into the face of the man at my side.

"I guess, Sam, we will not see any more houses go by," I said, "nothing but barrels and such uninteresting objects. I suppose, though, they will be of use to the people below."

"It's an ill wind ez blows nobody any good, ez Pete Siders sais," he replied solemnly. "The folks up the walley'll miss them bawrels an things, but they'll come handy to them below ez ketches 'em."

I laughed.

"It is easy for you to argue in this manner, for you are one of the fortunate ones, unless some one claims that rocking chair that you rescued from drowning."

A faint smile passed over Soper's face. It was quickly gone, and his countenance resumed its habitual stolid look.

He replied somewhat gruffly:

"Ef a feller don't seize his opportunity, it won't seize him." He hesitated, and then added, "Ez Pete Siders sais."

"Tell me," I cried, "who is this oracle of yours whom you are forever quoting?"

For during my few days' acquaintance with the rough fellow at my side I had been struck by the fact that he frequently made use of ancient adages, the credit for the invention of which was always given to the mysterious Siders.

I seated myself upon a stump and awaited his reply. He was a crude, rather stupid looking man, clad in a rough garb that betokened his rural environments—a ragged cloth cap, a heavy, well patched suit, which had once been of gray material, a collarless shirt and high boots. His hair had been close cropped a few days before, in token of the coming of summer, and his unkempt black beard stood out in bold contrast to his seeming baldness. His nose was narrow, long and hooked, and his eyes were deep set beneath shaggy brows.

After a long pause he replied to my question in a drawling tone and with the manner of a man perfectly convinced of the truth of what he said:

"Ef you uns hed ez much in your head ez Pete Siders hez in his leetle finger, you'd be a smart man."

"But who is he?" I exclaimed. "I have visited this valley yearly since I was a boy, yet I never before heard of him. He does not live hereabout, does he?"

Soper seated himself beside me and replied:

"No, he don't. He lives up the walley acrost the river. I useter live near him, tell me an him hed words an fell out. You see Pete he was wonderful smart, an I was no match fer him. My place almost jined his, an he mawried my sister. He knowed a heap, did Pete, an hed read most of the books they is. You uns 'ud hev enjoyed talkin to him, you would, fer he'd traveled a lot in his younger days an hed a good ejurcation. An at music—hedgins! I kin feel thet old fiddle of his'n a-goin thoo me yit. It jest made you all bluelike when he played sorrerful pieces. He tho't a heap of thet fiddle, he did. Ah, but I tell you they is few men like Pete Siders!"

"How did you ever happen to part with this paragon, Sam?" I asked.

"Paragone?" he repeated sadly. "I never hear him called thet. Mebbe he was one, fer he was most everything. How did we hev words? Hawgs—jest a few hawgs done it. Sometimes I think it was my fault, an on them days when I 'low I'm to blame I allus intend to go over to his place an make up. But I've never b'en able to git off at them times, an when I kin git off I allus blame Pete an cal'late he kin come to see me."

"It must have been a very serious trouble?" said I.

"Hawgs," he replied. "Nawthin but a few mean pigs. You see, I was livin up there three summers ago. I made 'rangements with Hiram Bender, who hed a farm close be my place, fer him to let me hev three young hawgs in September. I 'tended to fatten 'em up an butcher 'em when it come cold. One day, in corn huskin time, I goes over to Hiram's to git 'em. When I ast him fer 'em, he looks at me surprised like, an sais, sais he, 'Why, Sam, Pete Siders got them pigs. He tol me you say'd he was to git 'em, an you'd pay me fer 'em, ez you owe him fer his hevin helped you three days in the woods last winter.' I was jest knocked. I knowed Pete was hard up, fer he'd kinder b'en layin off all summer, but I never tho't thet of him. I never let on to Hiram, but jest went right over to Pete's place. I found thet he'd gone an killed them beasts an turned 'em into butcherin's. When I tol him what I'd come fer, he drawed himself up ez fer ez he could, fer he's a leetle man, an sais, 'Does you mean to call me a thief?' Then I sais, 'I never owed you no money, Pete Siders.' 'Sam Soper,' sais he, 'hain't you 'shame of callin your brother-in-law a thief?' An then he turns an walks into the house an shets the door in my face. I hain't seen him sence, fer I couldn't stan livin near Pete an not bein on peaceful groun's with him. I give up my place there an got a job here, 'tendin the canal lock."

"And sometimes you think you were to blame?" I asked.

"Sometimes," he replied. "Pete he hed cur'ous ways, an I don't b'lieve he meant no harm. I oughtn't hev called him a thief."

Soper suddenly started to his feet, and, shading his eyes with his hands, gazed up the river.

"A fiddle!" he cried. "Out on the river! I heard it plain. There it is agin!"

I sprang to his side and looked up the stream at a black object to which he was pointing. It was a boat, and we could see a man sitting in its stern, rocking to and fro. Then I heard a quick succession of harsh, grating notes, low, but distinct, and I saw that the man was fiddling.

"It's Pete!" cried my companion. "Thet's his playin, an thet's him. Look at the boat! Why, it won't stay up an hour!"

The craft was sunk low in the water and was sweeping rapidly toward us on the turbulent stream, but the fiddler seemed unconscious of his danger, for he swung to and fro in a maudlin manner, running his bow madly over the strings of his instrument.

"It's Pete's way," Soper exclaimed. "He don't know what he's doin, fer he's ben at the liquor agin."

As he spoke he stripped off his coat and boots.

"What are you doing?" I cried, seizing his arm. "You are not going out in such a flood!"

The boat was bearing rapidly toward us. Every motion of its maudlin occupant was now plainly discernible; every note of his aimless music was distinctly audible.

"Nawthin else to do," came the quiet reply. "They's rocks an rapids below, an thet boat'ud never live through 'em."

With that Soper ran out into the river. In a moment he was over his depth. Then he struck out into the stream. His was not a master's stroke. He beat the swiftly flowing water convulsively with his hands and seemed to be making almost superhuman efforts to reach a point that he believed the boat would pass. His progress was slow, and the current bore him down the river. His efforts would have been vain had not the runaway craft taken a sudden swerve toward him. It was almost on him. Then I saw him raise his long arm high above him and grasp the bow. Instantly the boat turned its nose toward the shore, and I breathed more freely.

Siders sprang from his place, and with unsteady steps began to make his way toward the man who was risking his own life to save him. The craft gave a quick lurch over on one side so that the water rushed in and almost filled it.

"Got down!" I screamed.

"Let go there!" yelled Siders frantically. "You'll upset me, you fool!"

He raised his fiddle and struck wildly at Soper, but his blow fell short of its mark. He lost his balance and toppled into the bottom of the boat, which righted itself, but none too soon. Siders quickly recovered and cautiously crawled forward.

"Git offer there!" he yelled.

Soper made no answer, for he was almost exhausted. He clung more desperately to the craft, which was now within 100 feet of the shore. The fiddle whirled through the air and crashed down on his head. Still he clung on. With a cry of disappointment Siders fell into the bottom of the boat.

I ran out into the water, seized the sinking craft and dragged it ashore. When he heard the keel grate on the gravel, Sam Soper released hold and fell into my arms unconscious. I lifted him out on the bank. Across his forehead there was a great gash, from which the blood flowed freely.

Some men came to my aid from a neighboring field and helped me to carry the injured man to his home, which stood a few hundred yards back from the river. The wonderful Siders, who had partially recovered his senses by reason of his immersion, followed us. He explained that he had spent the night fiddling at a party and had at daybreak started for his home. The last thing that he remembered clearly was getting into a boat to cross the river.

When Sam Soper recovered consciousness, a half hour later, he asked for his brother-in-law, and as Siders sank into a chair at his bedside he held out his hand and said:

"Pete, I think I'll go over the river to live again, fer I 'low I was to blame."

"I 'low you was, too, Sam," mumbled the other, taking the proffered hand, "But I don't bear you no spite."—Exchange.

Had His Troubles, However.

The coroner of a rural town in Georgia was examining a witness in a case of sudden death. "Did you ever hear the deceased complain of any ailment?" he asked of one.

"The who, suh?"

"The deceased."

The old fellow scratched his head, looked thoughtful, then called his wife, daughter and son-in-law aside and held a whispered consultation. Then he faced the coroner.

"I never knowed no 'decease,' suh," he said, "'ceptin you means dem folks what done cease ter plant cotton."

"The 'deceased' is the man lying dead there," explained the colonel.

"Oh," exclaimed the witness, "ef you means de dead man, I'm right 'long wid you! En now, ef I don't disremember, I did heah dat he had rattlin er der brain."

"'Rattling of the brain?'"

"Yes, suh."

"And what's that?"

"Well, suh, hit tain't 'zac'ly a misery er de stummuck, but hit ain't fur from it, en hit's des 'bout ez painful ez flintin at de heart or catchid er de jints or settlin er de bones, en, ef I makes no mistakes, hit ain't so powerful fur from ringin in de yea's en twitchin er de skull, en dat's all I knows 'bout it."—Chicago Times-Herald.

The Girl Who Weds Wealth.

Among the unnecessarily harsh judgments pronounced upon human actions may be classed the universal scorn expressed toward the girl who marries for money. There are those who do not hesitate to draw the most odious comparisons between such a girl and others of her sex.

Making of love, so called, a sort of fetich, the word deifies what is, after all, but an instinct, as though it were a grander, finer thing than courage or probity or self denial, or any other really beautiful human trait. It applauds any insanity committed in the name of love, provided always that the conventions are observed. Love that leads to the degraded life of the tenements, to alliances with the diseased or morally weak, that throws away years of training in art or science, that breaks the hearts of parents—all of these things and many as monstrous are excused if only "love" is offered as a reason for their doing.

In a world like this, where, in spite of countless public and private charities for the alleviation of their sufferings and the permanent bettering of their condition, thousands of helpless little ones explate by cruel suffering and acute want their parents' scorn of money considerations in matrimonial alliances, it cannot surely be wholly reprehensible to look with favor on moneyed alliances.—Vogue.

What to Cultivate.

"If a girl is anxious to marry"—began the maid.

"Yes?" said the woman of the world encouragingly.

"If she is anxious to marry and marry well from the point of view of society, I suppose she should prepare herself as she would for a profession."

"Certainly."

"There are some things that she should cultivate assiduously, and others to which she need devote little attention."

"There are."

"Well, what would you advise her to cultivate particularly?"

"A wealthy relative who is likely to die soon."—Chicago Post.

Natural.

Emily (playing house)—Now I'll be mamma and you'll be papa and little Ben and Bessie will be our babies.

Willy (after a moment, anxiously)—Ain't it about time to whip the children?—Strand Magazine.

Constant Change.

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THE GROUND DRIFT.

HENDERSON DEFIED IT IN HIS CHASE AFTER THE LAWBREAKER.

A Story of the Capture of Outlawed Half Breeds by the Northwest Mounted Police—An Inspector Who Didn't Know the Meaning of Fear.

Inspector Henderson's raid had been unsuccessful. With two troopers and Sergeant Warren he had rounded up six of the worst lawbreakers on the Canadian side of the line, but nevertheless, from his standpoint, at any rate, he had failed. The commissioner had suggested that he take at least a dozen men when he set out on his expedition, but Henderson only laughed.

"Give me Harvey and Fields and Warren," he said, "and I'll arrest every half breed between here and Battleford."

And so he rode away from the post on a crisp January morning, with his little squadron jogging through the snow behind. It was a long ride, 80 good miles over the not too well broken trail along the river bottom, and it was dusk before the troopers halted within carbine shot of a long, low, rambling building, which stood in the middle of the prairies, surrounded by several other structures that served as barns and wagon sheds. Lights shone in the lower windows of the house, and as Henderson paused to reconnoiter a door opened, and a man, with a muffler round his throat and his coat buttoned up to his ears, stepped out with a lantern in his hand. As he did so he raised his head, and his eyes rested on the little knot of mounted men halted over on the crest of the hill, not more than 300 yards away. Then, bounding back to the door, he lifted the latch and disappeared within the patch of light beyond.

Two minutes later Henderson's fur gauntlet came down with a crash upon the rude panels of the door. Sergeant Warren was right behind him and Troopers Harvey and Fields stood on either side with their wicked looking carbines full cocked.

"Vat ees it?" came in cracked half breed accents from behind the still quivering wood.

"Open the door or I'll kick it in," said Henderson decisively. "You know who I am and you know what I want."

Slowly the door swung back on its hinges and the inspector and his men entered together. There was no trouble. The men they wanted, smugglers and cattle stealers, gave themselves up without so much as an effort at defense.

"Michel Rene, John Fidele, Joe Snake, Dominick Levine, Angus McLean and Philip Leseur," said Henderson half to himself as he ran over the names, keeping tally by short nods in the direction of each man mentioned.

"Six in all," he repeated slowly, and then wheeling sharply on his heel so that his spurs jingled as he turned he faced the owner of the house.

"And Big Martin?" he queried. "Where is he?"

Old Simon Michaud, whom his half breed friends had nicknamed Simon the Crane, because of his long thin legs and great bony nose, wriggled under the question and shifted uneasily from one foot to the other.

"He ees not in ze house, sair. He haf not pass zis vay since Crissimas. Ve haf"—

"That will do," interrupted Henderson. "I know you're the biggest liar in the northwest, and I believe you're lying to me now. Sergeant Warren, take Harvey and search the place, barns and all. Fields, you stay with me and mount guard over the prisoners."

The sergeant and trooper did as they were bid and Henderson settled himself in a chair by the table to await their return. First, however, he unbuckled his belt and, after removing a big revolver from the holster, threw it on the table beside him. Inspector Henderson was not much beyond 35, tall, gaunt and square shouldered, with arms of phenomenal length and hands that could grip like a vise.

Half an hour later Sergeant Warren reported to the inspector that a thorough search of the premises had failed to disclose any trace of Big Martin. A watch was set on the prisoners, and Inspector Henderson threw himself on a long, hard settee, with the intention of taking a nap. It must have been midnight when he awoke, with the startled feeling of a man who has seen a horrible vision in his sleep. The wind was whistling around the house in the maddest fashion, and as Henderson raised himself on his elbow some fine particles of snow sifted in through the crevices of a nearby window and fell upon his face. The floor creaked in the next room, and through the half open door Henderson saw, or thought he saw, a huge shadow glide past. He was on his feet in an instant and gave the alarm. A moment later there was a clicking of carbine locks as Warren and Harvey answered the inspector's signal. Then came a crash of glass from the next room, and a gust blew a cloud of snow in the faces of the three men who sprang to the shattered window. A man was floundering along through the drift a good 100 yards from the house. A sharp tongue of fire shot out into the darkness, and a remington bullet sung past the fugitive's head. But he never paused for an instant.

A minute later the entire establishment was gathered around Inspector Henderson, who stood with his hand on the door latch.

"It ain't safe, sir, to go after him such a night as this," remonstrated Sergeant Warren in his usual respectful fashion. "It's a-blowin hard from the nor'west, and a man ud freeze to death on the prairie."

"Zat is so," promptly interposed Simon the Crane, "an beside ze groun dreeft—he is dreffal bad."

"You rascal," snapped Henderson, turning upon the last speaker. "You had him hidden here all the time waiting to let him loose when we left. No, Warren, I'll do this thing myself. There's no need to risk any one else, and I'll catch Big Martin, ground drift or no ground drift." And, with a last glance at the cylinder of his pistol, he passed out into the night.

He was as good as his word. He caught Big Martin half a mile along the edge of the rail that led from Simon Michaud's house, and here, two days later, Captain Jackson, with a squad of six troopers, found a little hillock of drifted snow, from which a gaunt white hand protruded. When they dug Inspector Henderson out, his other hand was fastened on Big Martin's throat, and the half breed's face looked up at the winter skies, with an expression of unutterable agony frozen upon its distorted features.

"I thought Henderson had more sense than to try to face a ground drift at midnight," was Captain Jackson's comment as he escorted the bodies back to the post.

"Ze groun dreeft," moralized Simon the Crane; "he ees t'ree times as bad as ze snowstorm."—Brooklyn Eagle.

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DAILY 9.35 A M — No. 48—Passenger—Due Magnolia 10.50 a m, Warsaw 11.11 a m, Goldsboro 12.01 a m, Wilson 12.46 p m, Rocky Mount 1.20 p m, Tarboro 2.50 p m, Weldon 3.39 p m, Petersburg 5.33 p m, Richmond 6.40 p m, Norfolk 6.05 p m, Washington 11.10 p m, Baltimore 12.53 p m, Philadelphia 3.45 a m, New York 6.53 a m, †Boston 3.30 p m.

DAILY 7.15 P M — No. 40—Passenger—Due Magnolia 8.55 p m, Warsaw 9.10 p m, Goldsboro 10.10 p m, Wilson 11.46 p m, †Tarboro 6.45 a m, Rocky Mount 11.55 p m, Weldon 1.44 a m, †Norfolk 10.30 a m, Petersburg 3.32 a m, Richmond 4.30 a m, Washington 7.41 a m, Baltimore 9.05 a m, Philadelphia 11.25 a m, New York 2.03 p m, Boston 8.30 p m.

SOUTHBOUND.

DAILY 3.25 P M — No. 55—Passenger—Due Lake Waccamaw 4.32 p m, Chadbourn 5.04 p m, Marion 6.05 p m, Florence 6.45 p m, Sumter 8.27 p m, Columbia 9.50 p m, Denmark 6.20 a m, Augusta 8.00 a m, Macon 11.00 a m, Atlanta 12.15 p m, Charleston 10.20 p m, Savannah 12.50 a m, Jacksonville 7.00 a m, St. Augustine 10.30 a m, Tampa 4.35 p m.

ARRIVALS AT WILMINGTON—FROM THE NORTH.

DAILY 5.45 P M — No. 49—Passenger—Leave *Boston 1.03 p m, New York 9.00 p m, Philadelphia 12.05 a m, Baltimore 2.50 a m, Washington 4.30 a m, Richmond 9.05 a m, Petersburg 10.00 a m, Norfolk 8.40 a m, Weldon 11.50 a m, Tarboro 12.12 p m, Rocky Mount 12.45 p m, Wilson 2.12 p m, Goldsboro 3.10 p m, Warsaw 4.02 p m, Magnolia 4.16 p m.

DAILY 9.30 a m — No. 41—Passenger—Leave Boston 12.00 a m, New York 9.30 a m, Philadelphia 12.09 p m, Baltimore 2.25 p m, Washington 3.46 p m, Richmond 7.30 p m, Petersburg 8.12 p m, †Norfolk 2.25 p m, Weldon 9.44 p m, †Tarboro 6.05 p m, Rocky Mount 5.40 a m, leave Wilson 6.15 a m, Goldsboro 7.00 a m, Warsaw 7.51 a m, Magnolia 8.03 a m.

FROM THE SOUTH.

DAILY 12.15 p m — No. 54—Passenger—Leave Tampa 7.40 a m, Sanford 1.45 p m, Jacksonville 7.10 p m, Savannah 12.10 night, Charleston 5.30 a m, Columbia 5.50 a m, Atlanta 7.15 a m, Macon 9.00 a m, Augusta 2.25 p m, Denmark 4.37 p m, Sumter 7.12 a m, Florence 8.55 a m, Marion 9.34 a m, Chadbourn 10.35 a m, Lake Waccamaw 11.06 a m.

†Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Scotland Neck Branch Road leave Weldon 4.10 p m, Halifax 4.28 p m, arrive Scotland Neck 5.20 p m, Greenville 6.57 p m, Kinston 7 55 p m. Returning, leaves Kinston 7 20 a m, Greenville 8.22 a m, Arriving Halifax at 11 00 a m, Weldon 11.20 a m, daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 8.00 a m and 2 00 p m, arrive Parmele 8.50 a m and 3 40 p m; returning leaves Parmele 9 50 a m and 6 30 p m, arrives Washington 11 25 a m and 7.20 p. m. Daily except Sunday.

Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily at 5.30 p m, arrives Plymouth 7.40 p m. Returning, leaves Plymouth daily at 7.30 a m., Arrive Tarboro 9.50 a m.

Train on Midland N C Branch leaves Goldsboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 7 10 a m; arrive Smithfield N. C., 8.30 a m. Returning, leaves Smithfield 9 00 a m, arrive Goldsboro, N. C., 10 25 a m.

Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 4.30 p m, arrives Nashville 5.05 p m, Spring Hope 5.30 p m. Returning leaves Spring Hope 8 a m, Nashville 8 35 a m; arrive Rocky Mount 9 05 a m, daily except Sunday.

Train on Clinton Branch leave Warsaw for Clinton Daily except Sunday at 11.10 a m and 9.15 p m; returning leave Clinton at 7.00 a m. and 3.00 p m.

Florence Railroad leave Pee Dee 9 10 a m, arrive Latta 9.30 a m, Dillon 9 42 a m, Rowland 10 00 a m., returning leaves Rowland 5 38 p m, arrives Dillon 5.56 p m, Latta 6.09 p m, Pee Dee 6.30 p m, daily.

Trains on Conway Branch leave Hub at 8.30 a m, Chadbourn 10.40 a m, arrive Conway 1.00 p m, leave Conway 2 25 p m, Chadbourn 5.20 p m, arrive Hub 6.00 p m, Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Cheraw and Darlington Railroad leave Florence 8 55 a m, 9 40 a m and 8 00 p m, arrive Darlington 9 28 a m, 10 20 a m and 8 20 p m, leave Darlington 9 31 a m and 10 40 a m, arrive Cheraw 10 40 a m and 12 30 p m, leave Cheraw 12 45 p m, arrive Wadesboro 2 25 p m, Returning leave Wadesboro 3 p m, arrive Cheraw 4 45 p m, leave Cheraw 4 45 p m and 5 15 p m, arrive Darlington 7.10 p m and 6 25 p m. Leave Darlington 7 45 p m, 6 27 and 7 45 a m, arrive Florence 8.40 p m, 6 55 p m and 8 15 a m. Daily except Sunday. Sunday trains leave Floyds 7 30 a m, Darlington 7 45 a m, arrive Florence 8 10 a m. Returning leave Florence 9 a m, Darlington 9 30 a m, arrive Floyds 9 40 a m. Trains leave Gibson 6.15 a m, Bennettsville 6 41 a m, arrive Darlington 7.40 a m, Sumter 9 25 a m. Returning, leave Sumter 6 45 p m, Darlington 8.35 p m, arrive Bennettsville 9 26 p m, Gibson 9 50 p m.

Central of South Carolina Railroad leave Sumter 6 37 p m, Manning 6.53 p m, arrive Lane's 7 37 p m, leave Lanes 8.36 a m, Manning 9.06 a m, arrive Sumter 9.35 a m. Daily.

Georgetown and Western Railroad leave Lanes 9.30 a m, 7 10 p m, arrive Georgetown 12 m, 8.30 p m, leave Georgetown 7 a m, 3 p m, arrive Lanes 8.25 a m, 5.25 p m. Daily except Sunday.

Wilson and Fayetteville Branch leave Wilson 2.05 p m, 11.16 p m, arrive Selma 2.50 p m, Smithfield 2.58 p m, Dunn 3.35 p m, Fayetteville 4.15 p m, 1.07 a m, Rowland 5.38 p m, returning leave Rowland 10 00 a m, Fayetteville 11.20 a m, 10.20 p m, Dunn 12.07 a m, Smithfield 12.48 p m, Selma 1.00 p m, arrive Wilson 1.43 p m, 12.10 p m.

Manchester & Augusta Railroad train leaves Sumter 4 30 a m, Creston 5 2_ a m, arrive Denmark 6 20 a m. Returning leave Denmark 4 37 p m, Creston 5 32 p m, Sumter 6 30 p m Daily.

Pregnalls Branch train leaves Creston 5 45 a m, arrive Pregnalls 9 15 a m. Returning leaves Pregnalls 10 p m, arrives Creston 3 50 p m. Daily except Sunday.

Bishopville Branch trains leave Elliott 11.10 a m and 7.35 p m, arrive Lucknow 1 p m and 8.35 p m, Returning leave Lucknow 6 05 a m and 2 00 p m, arrive Elliott 8 25 a m and 3.30 p m.

†Daily except Sunday. *Sunday only.

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W., N. & N. Railway.

In Effect Sunday, May 17, 1896

DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY.

NORTH BOUND #6	#8	STATIONS.	SOUTH BOUND #7	#5
A M	P M	—WILMINGTON—	P M	P M
	2 00	Lv...Mulberry street...Ar	12 40	
7 00	2 10	Lv...Surry street...Ar	12 30	3 25
9 50		Ar...Jacksonville...Lv		12 05
11 00	3 58	Lv " Ar	10 42	10 25
11 58	4 30	Lv...Maysville...Lv	10 09	9 18
12 30	4 44	Lv...Pollocksville...Lv	9 55	8 50
1 30	5 2_	Ar...Newbern...Lv	9 20	8 00
	P M		A M	

Nos. 5 and 6 mixed trains.

Nos. 7 and 8 passenger trains.

Trains 8 and 7 p m make connection with trains on A. & N. C. R. R. for Morehead City and Beaufort.

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Steamer Geo D. Purdy makes daily trips between Jacksonville and New River points.

*Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

‡Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

†Daily except Sunday.

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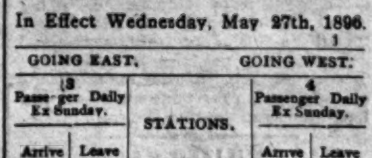
[Time Table.]



In Effect Wednesday, May 27th, 1896.

GOING EAST. 3 Passenger Daily Ex Sunday. Arrive	Leave	STATIONS.	GOING WEST. 4 Passenger Daily Ex Sunday. Arrive	Leave
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
....	3 20	Goldsboro	11 25	....
....	4 12	Kinston	10 32	....
5 15	5 25	Newbern	9 17	9 30
6 37	6 42	Morehead City	8 01	8 07
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W. train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11 35 a. m, and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 2.00 p. m., and with W. N. & N. at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 3 connects with Southern Railway train, arriving at Goldsboro 3.00 p. m., and with W. & W. train from the North at 3.05 p. m. No. 1 train also connects with W. N. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points.

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CONDENSED SCHEDULE.

IN EFFECT NOVEMBER 15, 1896.

SOUTH BOUND DAILY No. 1.	MAIN LINE.	NORTH BOUND DAILY No. 2.
7 45 p. m.	Ar...Wilmington...Lv	7 10 a.
4 35 "	Lv...Fayetteville...Ar	11 00 a m
4 18 "	Ar...Fayetteville...Lv	11 21 "
4 12 "	Ar Fayetteville Junc Lv	11 27 "
2 55 "	Lv....Sanford....Lv	1 00 p. m
12 41 "	Lv.....Climax.....Lv	2 50 "
12 10 "	Lv....Greensboro....Ar	3 18 "
11 55 a m	Ar....Greensboro....Lv	3 25 "
11 07 "	Lv....Stokesdale....Lv	4 10 "
10 33 "	Lv..Walnut Cove...Lv	4 40 "
10 04 "	Lv....Rural Hall...Lv	5 10 "
8 40 "	Lv.....Mt Airy.....Ar	6 40 "

SOUTH BOUND DAILY No. 3.	Bennettsville Division.	NORTH BOUND DAILY No. 4.
7 52 p m	Ar...Bennettsville...Lv	8 30 a. m.
6 17 "	Lv....Maxton....Ar	9 40 "
5 36 "	Lv...Red Springs...Lv	10 18 "
4 45 "	Lv....Hope Mills....Lv	11 01 "
4 28 "	Lv....Fayetteville...Ar	11 19 "

SOUTH BOUND Daily except Sunday. No. 15. MIXED.	Factory and Madison Branches.	NORTH BOUND Daily except Sunday. No. 16. MIXED.
6 00 p m	Ar....Ramseur....Lv	6 45 a.
4 15 "	Lv....Climax....Lv	8 35 "
3 30 "	Lv...Greensboro...Ar	9 20 "

NORTH BOUND.	No. 16 MIXED. daily ex su
Leave Greensboro	9 35 a. m.
Leave Stokesdale	10 47 "
Arrive Madison	11 55 "

SOUTH BOUND.	No. 15. MIXED. daily ex su
Leave Madison	12 30 p m
Leave Stokesdale	1 28 "
Arrive Greensboro	2 40 "

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SOUTH-BOUND CONNECTIONS

At Walnut Cove with the Norfolk & Western Railroad for Roanoke and points North and West, at Greensboro with the Southern Railway Company for Raleigh, Richmond and all points North and East, at Fayetteville with the Atlantic Coast Line for all points South, at Maxton with the Seaboard Air Line for Charlotte, Atlanta and all points South and Southwest.

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WEST AND SOUTH.

APRIL 5th, 1896.		No.41	No.403
Leave Wilmington,	S. A. L.	P. M. * 3 20	A. M.
Arrive Maxton	"	6 12	
Arrive Hamlet	"	6 52	
Leave Hamlet	"	7 15	* 9 10
Arrive Wadesboro	"	8 01	9 52
Arrive Monroe	"	8 55	10 40
Leave Monroe	"	9 10	10 45
Arrive Charlotte	"	10 20	11 35
Arrive Lincolnton	"		P. M. 12 56
Arrive Shelby	"		1 50
Arrive Rutherfordton	"		3 00
Leave Hamlet	S. A. L.	A. M. * 9 25	
Arrive Osborne	"	9 50	
Kollock	"	10 25	
Cheraw	"	10 4_	
Leave Cheraw	S. A. L.		P. M. † 5 30
Kollock	"		5 50
Osborne	"		6 25
Arrive Hamlet	"		6 50
Leave Wilmington	S. A. L.	P. M. * 3 20	
Monroe	"	9 05	A. M. *10 45
Arrive Chester	"	10 32	12 03
Clinton	"	11 58	P. M. 1 20
Greenwood	"	A. M. 1 00	2 33
Abbeville	"	1 32	2 58
Elberton	"	2 36	4 00
Athens	"	3 38	5 1_
Atlanta	"	5 2_	6 45
Leave Atlanta	A. & W. P.	5 35	
Ar Montgomery	West of Ala.	10 45	
Arrive Mobile	L. & N.	4 10	
New Orleans	"	8 30	
Arrive Columbia	C. N. & L.	A. M. *10 00	P. M. * 4 30
Arrive Augusta	P. R. & W. C.	† 9 35	P. M. * 5 05
Arrive Macon	M & N.		P. M. * 6 40

EAST AND NORTH.

APRIL 5th, 1896.		No 38	No 402
Leave Wilmington	S. A. L		P. M. * 3 20
Arrive Hamlet	"	A. M. * 8 15	6 55
Leave Hamlet	"	9 15	10 35
Arrive Southern Pines	"		11 21
Raleigh	"	11 26	A. M. 1 21
Henderson	"	P. M. 1 0_	2 33
Weldon	"	* 3 00	* 4 05
Arrive Portsmouth	S. A. L	P. M. * 5 50	A. M. * 7 30
Norfolk	"	6 00	7 50
Arrive Richmond	A. C. L	* 6 40	* 6 40
Washington	P. R. R.	11 10	10 45
Baltimore	"	A. M. 12 4_	12 05
Philadelphia	"	3 45	2 20
New York	"	* 6 53	* 4 53

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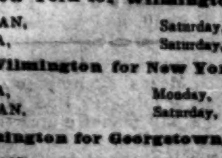

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CROATAN,	Saturday,	Jan.	9
ONEIDA,	Saturday,	Jan.	16

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ONEIDA,	Monday,	Jan.	11
CROATAN,	Saturday,	Jan.	16

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SUNDAY MORNING JAN. 10, 1897

FIRE AT DANVILLE.

The Amazina Tobacco Company's Big Factory Burned—Loss $150,000, Fully Insured.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

RICHMOND, VA. Jan. 9—A Danville special to the *Dispatch* says: The big five story brick tobacco factory of the American Tobacco Company, located at the eastern terminus of Bridge street, near the Southern Railway station, was entirely destroyed by fire, together with its contents this morning. The factory, 180 by 75 feet, with an ell 75 by 100 feet, was filled on all five floors with fine bright wrappers and cutters, all of which were destroyed. About 145 hogsheads on the ground floor were rolled out during the fire. The alarm was sounded about 7 o'clock, but when the department arrived the building was aflame and burning with resistless fury. The costly equipment of the factory—modern machinery—is almost a total loss. The building and 500,000 pounds of fine bright tobacco were burned. The origin of the fire is purely surmise. The loss on building, fixtures and stock is conservatively approximated at $150,000, fully covered by insurance. The insurance in detail is: Stock, $124,000; building, $20,000; machinery, $50,000; office furniture, $1,250. It is placed with thirty odd companies. The American Company used the factory for storing, handling and shipping, doing manufacturing here. Their representatives will be on the market buying next week. Other quarters will be rented.

SPOTS AND FUTURES.

The Visible Supply of Cotton—Crop is Slight—New York Sun's Review of the Market.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—The total visible supply of cotton for the world is 4,220,883 bales, of which 3,884,083 bales are American, against 4,118,186 and 3,689,936 bales, respectively, last year.

Receipts of cotton this week at all interior towns 72,187 bales; receipts from the plantations 175,441 bales; crop in sight 6,493,778.

The *Sun* says: Spot cotton here advanced 3 16c; no sales. Middling uplands 7¾c, against 8 5-16 last year; New Orleans and Gulf 7¾c, against 8 9-16c last year.

The trading to-day was quiet, but the sentiment continues bullish and prices advanced. At the opening prices declined slightly on sales to realize profits, but there was not much pressure to sell and the loss was soon recovered and an advance followed. Liverpool was higher both for spots and futures, with a good demand for spot cotton. Manchester advices were bullish, the receipts at the ports and the interior towns were light, and Southern advices predicted a continuance of the light movement. New Orleans was a good buyer here and there was considerable new buying. According to Southern advices, the crop movement in February will be light, whereas the movement in February last was heavy.

U. S. WARSHIPS.

The Texas to Visit Galveston to Receive a Silver Service—The Montgomery Ordered to Tampa, Fla.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Secretary Herbert has ordered the battleship Texas to visit Galveston on February 16th to receive an elaborate silver service costing $5 000, the money having been raised by popular subscription through the State for which the vessel was named. Extensive repairs which are expected to remedy all defects in the ship have nearly been completed at the New York navy yard, and immediately following her duty with Admiral Bance's fleet in the proposed blockade of Charleston the first week of February the battleship will proceed to Galveston. At the time of her visit the twelfth annual convention of the National Editorial Association will be in session in Galveston.

Secretary Herbert has also ordered the cruiser Montgomery, which has just been made ready for sea at the New York navy yard, to proceed to Tampa, reaching there not later than January 20th and to remain there during the Gulf Coast Defence Convention called by the Governor of Florida.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

May Wheat Closed at a Slight Advance—Corn and Oats Lower—Pork Products Higher.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO Jan. 9.—No particular strength existed in wheat to-day, in fact the feeling was barely steady at an average advance of ¼c. over yesterday's close. May wheat opened from 81⅝ to 81⅜c., declined to 81¼c.—closing at 81½c.—½ to ⅝c. higher than yesterday. Cash wheat was firm and half a cent higher.

May corn opened at 35c., declined to 34⅝@34¾c., closing at 34¾c.—¼c. under yesterday. Cash corn was ¼c. lower.

May oats closed a shade under yesterday. Cash oats were steady at unchanged prices.

Some irregularity was noticeable in provisions. Lard was relatively firmer than either pork or ribs. Trading was quite active. The hog market was higher, which fact helped things a little. At the close May pork and ribs were each a shade higher than yesterday and May lard 2½c higher.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, January 9.—Rosin quiet; strained common to good $1 70@1 72½. Spirits turpentine steady at 27½@28¼c.

CHARLESTON, January 9.—Spirits turpentine firm at 35c; sales — casks. Rosin firm; sales 1 000 barrels: A, B C. D E. F $1 40. G $1 40, H $1 50, I. $1 55 K $1 70, M $1 85, N $1 90, W G $2 10, W W $2 50.

SAVANNAH, January 9.—Spirits turpentine firm at 35¾c; sales of 100 casks; receipts were 765 casks. Rosin firm at a decline on pales; sales 3 500 barrels; receipts 4,237 barrels; A, B, C, D, E, F $1 50, G $1 57½, H $1 65, I $1 75, K $1 80, M $1 85, N $1 90, W G $2 00, W W $2 40.

The hearing yesterday before the Ways and Means Committee of the House was devoted to iron and lead ores, metals and manufactures thereof. Representative Draper, of Massachusetts, on behalf of the manufacturers of machinery in New England, presented, without comment, their request for a restoration of the McKinley rates of duty on their products.

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PACIFIC RAILROADS.

A Vote to be Taken Monday in the House of Representatives on Bill to Refund Indebtedness of the Union and Central Companies.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—The text of the bill to refund the indebtedness of the Union and Central Pacific railroads to the United States was perfected to-day, so far as the Committee of the Whole of the House was concerned, and the measure, with certain pending amendments, was reported to the House at 5 o'clock, after a three days parliamentary battle, and a vote on its passage will be taken Monday. In the course of the debate, which to-day was conducted under the five-minute rule, Mr. Bell, of Texas, proposed a substitute for the committee's bill fixing the rate of interest on the extended debt at three per cent. per annum, instead of two as the committee propose. Mr. Harrison, of Alabama, also submitted a substitute, constituting the Secretaries of the Treasury and of the Interior and the Attorney General a committee to settle the debt with the approval of the President. To this Mr. Northway, of Ohio, proposed an amendment, making the committee consist of three persons, one to be appointed by each of the officials named.

The Committee of the Whole adopted two amendments offered by Mr. Parker, of New Jersey, to more clearly and comprehensively specify the property and assets of the United States and to forbid the company to dispose of any of its assets without the consent of the Secretary of the Treasury.

Many members spoke to day, and the discussion was quite interesting at times. Mr. Northway, of Ohio, created an outburst of applause by declaring that rather than submit to compulsion by the debtors of the Government in the settlement of the debt, he would advocate foreclosure and purchase of the road by the United States. This outburst, his colleague, Mr. Grosvenor, said came from those who believed in the doctrines of the Ocala platform. He protested against Republican association with Government ownership of railroads, and also against referring the question for settlement to the incoming administration.

WASHINGTON NEWS.

The Naval Steel Board to be Reorganized.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, January 9.—The Naval Steel Board, which has been subjected to adverse criticism on account of defective material which the contractors have been frequently detecting in attempting to pass upon the navy for several years, has been reorganized and is hereafter to be controlled by the construction and engineering departments of the service instead of by line officers. Naval Constructor Dashiell has succeeded Lieutenant Commander Everett, and to-day Captain Day, the president of the Board, was detached and his place taken by Capt. George W. Coffin. The new Board will at once take up the work of revising the specifications in which contractors have found an easy hiding place for frauds, and the civilian inspectors will supplant all the young officers who are now assigned to that duty. Passed Assistant Engineer Freeman continues a member of the Board.

ANOTHER BANK CLOSED.

The First National of Alma, Nebraska—Liabilities $134,000.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

OMAHA, Jan. 9.—The First National Bank of Alma, Neb., was closed by Examiner Whitmore this morning. The liabilities are $134 000, which includes $45,000 deposits, $40,500 belonging to the State and $1,600 to Harlan county. The assets are reported at about the same amount. President A. L. Burr, of the bank, is in the city, and when seen by a reporter to-day had just received the intelligence that the bank was closed and in the hands of the State bank examiner. He said that the bank had assets of fully $160,000, one-half of which could not be collected. President Burr said he had no knowledge of the cause of the closing of the bank. The Merchants' National Bank, of this city, was the Omaha correspondent.

CORBETT AND FITZSIMMONS

Dan Stuart Denies Report That the Fight Will Take Place in Mexico.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

DALLAS, TEX., Jan. 9.—Dan A. Stuart is home from his sojourn in New York, where he signed the Corbett and Fitzsimmons fight to a finish on March 17th. Stuart emphatically repudiates the alleged interview sent out from Little Rock yesterday by the Associated Press. He declares that he talked with no newspaper men at Little Rock; did not discuss the fight with anyone, and has never said to anybody that Corbett and Fitzsimmons would fight in Mexico. The fact is known positively that the fight will not take place in Mexico.

MAINE'S EX GOVERNOR.

Daniel Franklin Davis Died Suddenly at His Home in Bangor.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

BANGOR, Jan. 9.—Daniel Franklin Davis, ex-Governor of Maine, died this morning rather suddenly. He was Governor in 1880, being elected by the Legislature after an exciting count-out contest in which armed men and cannon played a part. He had for some years been engaged in the lumber and law business in Bangor. Gov. Davis was 54 years of age. He had been suffering much of late with various painful disorders and it is thought that his death resulted from an overdose of some substance taken to relieve pain.

A KENTUCKY HANGING.

Execution of Robert Laughlin for the Murder of His Wife and Niece.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

BROOKSVILLE KY, Jan. 9.—Robert Laughlin, who killed his wife and May Jones, his niece, near Augusta, was hanged in the jail yard here at 9.37 o'clock this morning. The yard was fenced in with high boards to prevent the hanging from being public. A big crowd was on the outside and despite the efforts of fifty special policemen and deputy sheriffs the fence was destroyed by the time the prisoner mounted the scaffold and everybody present saw Laughlin drop through the trap.

FERTILIZER RATES.

No Definite Action Taken by the Conference of Railway Officials at Atlanta

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ATLANTA, GA., Jan. 9.—No definite action was taken by the conference of railway officials here to-day on the reduction of 20 per cent. in fertilizer rates ordered by the State Railroad Commission. Some of the lines could not be reported and another meeting will be held Monday to decide whether to ask for an injunction restraining the Commission from enforcing the cut.

In Olden Times

People overlooked the importance of permanently beneficial effects and were satisfied with transient action; but now that it is generally known that Syrup of Figs will permanently overcome habitual constipation, well-informed people will not buy other laxatives, which act for a time, but finally injure the system.

NEWS FROM HAVANA.

SPANISH REPORT OF ENGAGEMENTS WITH INSURGENTS.

Trial of Luis Somellan, a Naturalized American Citizen, Charged With Conspiring Against the Spanish Government.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

HAVANA, Jan. 9.—Official advices received here report a number of skirmishes by details from the commands of Generals Segura, Casco and Melguizo, in which the Spanish troops suffered small losses.

Official reports also give particulars of the operations of Colonels Alsaba and Martin in the Pinar del Rio province, the troops having destroyed a large number of huts, camps and plantations, together with all of the rebels' resources of provisions, munitions, etc., found therein. Some of the camps were stoutly defended by the rebels, many of whom were killed.

HAVANA Jan. 9.—The trial of Luis Somellan, a naturalized American citizen, who is charged with conspiring against the Spanish Government, was continued at 1 o'clock this afternoon. Official duties prevented Consul General Lee from being present, but he sent a representative to watch the proceedings in the interest of the accused. After the witnesses had concluded their testimony, which contained nothing material to support the charge against the man, the prosecuting attorney made a long speech that was full of patriotic Spanish. He said he despised these citizens of the United States who had enrolled themselves under the flag of a great and noble nation for the sole purpose of protecting themselves in their crimes of conspiracy against a Power with which the United States was friendly. He declared that if the material charges against Somellan had not been clearly proved there was a moral conviction that he was guilty, and was therefore deserving of being imprisoned for life. With much vehemence he urged the judges to remember Spain's honor above all other considerations, and to decide the case according to their convictions.

The Court then adjourned until Monday, when counsel for the defence will be heard.

The report that Domingo de LaGarza, a Mexican citizen, had been murdered by Spanish troops on the occasion of the demonstration there in honor of Colonel Fonsdevella, the military commander of that town, is not true. The Mexican consul here says that de LaGarza was killed in a drunken bout, and that no political significance can be attached to the incident.

A LABOR DISPUTE

Resulting in Closing the World-Famous Slate Quarries in Wales.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LONDON, Jan. 9.—A somewhat remarkable labor dispute, in which Americans are interested, is about to assume an acute form. Some time ago Lord Penrhyn, owner of the world famous slate quarries in Wales, became involved in a dispute with his workmen and, getting the worst of it, he arbitrarily closed the quarries in defiance of the Government, which had endeavored to make peace. Several thousand humble folks in consequence are now on the verge of starvation. The question at issue involves the right of workmen to combine for self-protection and it is not surprising to learn that the great trade unions have taken up the matter and intend to support his Lordship's victims until the arbitrary aristocrat shall be brought to his knees. American interest lies in the fact that now that the Welsh quarries are closed, users of slate will have to turn to Pennsylvania as the only alternative district where they can obtain good material, and already very large orders have gone across the Atlantic. If American quarry owners know their business properly they ought to reap permanent benefit from Lord Penryn's asinine policy.

A BLOODY FIGHT

Between Italians and Americans—A Number of Men Injured.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

PARIS, TEX., Jan. 8.—There was a bloody fight between Italians and Americans at a rock quarry on the Texas & Midland Railway, six miles south of this city, yesterday. About twenty-five men on each side were knocked down, bruised and slashed. Vonoto Monica, an Italian, received wounds which will cause his death. Several other Italians received serious injuries. Messengers were sent to other Italian camps for reinforcements and fifty more men are expected to arrive at the quarry last night. The Americans purchased several Winchesters here last evening and returned to the camp. Sheriff Hammond last night sent several deputies to the scene to preserve peace if possible. Sould another conflict ensue there will be much bloodshed.

COAST DEFENCES.

The Convention at Tampa Promises to Be Important and Influential.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Jan. 9.—The coast defence convention, which will meet at Tampa January 20th, now promises to be important and influential. An unexpected interest has developed in all parts of the country, and most of the States will be strongly represented. The promoters of the movement now believe that the convention will be able to do much to concentrate public attention on the necessity of hurrying forward coast defence work.

SHOT HIMSELF.

Suicide of a Travelling Salesman at Valdosta, Ga.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

MACON, GA., Jan. 9.—A special to the *Telegraph* from Valdosta, Ga., says G H. Clarke, a travelling salesman, shot himself this morning in the hotel here, dying in a short time. He had received the news of his mother's death in Washington two days ago, and began drinking heavily. While in a maudlin condition and brooding over his sorrow he went to his room and committed the rash act.

CHESTER AND LENOIR R. R.

A Company Organized to Buy the Road and Build the Connection Between Newton and Hickory.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WINSTON, N. C., Jan. 9.—A company has been organized to buy the narrow guage Chester & Lenoir Railroad in the western part of the State. New stock will be issued, and the new company has arranged to sell $450,000 worth of bonds with which to settle all claims against the old corporation and build and equip the missing link between Newton and Hickory.

In Olden Times

BLOOD IS LIFE and upon the purity and vitality of the blood depends the health of the whole system. Experience proves Hood's Sarsaparilla to be the best blood purifier.

HOOD'S PILLS act easily and promptly on the liver and bowels. Cure sick headache.

FLORIDA SENSATION.

Property Owners at Tampa Fighting Employes of the Consumers' Company.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

TAMPA, FLA., Jan. 9.—The city has been full of sensations for the past two days. Friday morning people whose property was injured by back-water thrown out by the Consumers' Company power station on Hillsboro river attempted to blow out the dam at the old station. Afterwards a regular fusillade occurred between the guards and the dynamiters. It was thought they would not try it again, but last night as one of the guards was sitting at the east end he saw the forms of several men peering out in the darkness against the banks of the river on the other side. Soon the dynamiters opened fire on the guards, which was returned, but in the darkness the lead aped wide of the mark. The officials of the city were notified by wire and Capt. Jones and Officer Carter, of the police force, went post haste to the scene. When they arrived all was quiet, and this morning they returned here.

THE THREE FRIENDS.

Denial of Report That Weyler Knew in Advance the Movement of the Vessel.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—In reference to an article which appeared in one of to-day's papers to the effect that Gen. Weyler knew of the movements of the Three Friends in advance, President Palma of the Junta stated to-day that there was no truth in it. "How could there be," he continued, "when only the man who gave the orders and the man that opened them on board ship knew of their contents?" Further than this he would say nothing.

WARM WIRELETS.

United States Senator Edward O. Wolcott, of Colorado, who has gone abroad to sound European feeling on the silver question, arrived in London yesterday.

The Augusta, Ga., cotton factory has declared a semi-annual dividend of 3½ per cent. on the capital stock of $600,000. This is one of the oldest mills in the South.

Geo. L. Rhodes, general agent of the Seaboard Air Line, has been appointed district passenger agent of the company in Washington to succeed R. A. Parke, resigned.

The Committee on Indian Affairs of the House has completed the Indian appropriation bill for the coming fiscal year. The measure as agreed to carries an appropriation of $7 455 000.

The jury in the case of John A. Hanley, ex-traffic manager of the Santa Fe Railroad, charged with having violated the Inter-State Commerce law, on trial in Chicago, returned a verdict of not guilty.

The first of the New York and Florida limited trains of the Southern Railway will leave New York at 12 10 p. m., on Monday, January 18, and arrive at Jacksonville at 8.30 the following afternoon.

A disastrous collision occurred on the Santa Fe Railroad, near Fort Worth, Texas. Two freight trains came together completely demolishing both engines and killing engineer Haggerty and headbrakeman Matsheil.

The dry goods and clothing firm of O. A. Mitscher & Company, of Oklahoma, was closed yesterday. No statement of assets and liabilities is given out. The concern was the largest of its kind in Oklahoma.

The State Railroad Commission of Georgia has refused to reduce passenger fares to two cents on the roads in that State. The application for lower fares was made some months ago by the Travellers' Protective Association.

George Blake and John Davis (colored) who for some time past have been breaking into and robbing the cars of the Norfolk & Western Railroad in the County Court of Nottoway, Va. were convicted and sent to the penitentiary for a period of four years each.

The weekly statement of the associated banks shows the following changes: Reserve, increase, $10,704,500; loans, decrease, $359,700; specie, increase, $550,700; legal tenders, increase $14,467,100; deposits, increase, $17 253,200; circulation, decrease, $693 300. The banks now hold $43,991,450 in the Clearing House.

The recent death of Martin Weber, vice president and backer of the Walker White Lead Company, Cincinnati, brought about a pressure from creditors which culminated in the sheriff taking possession of the factory. No statement of liabilities has been made. The paid-up capital of the company is $500,000.

It Didn't Hit Him.

"I saw an article in your paper the other day," said the tramp as he reached the editorial floor—"an article about the verbose tramp. I want an explanation. How did this tramp look?"

"It was some reporter who wrote the article."

"Well, does verbose mean that he was a hustler?"

"Hardly."

"Was he languid?"

"Not that either."

"Does verbose mean that he had lost his appetite?"

"No."

"Run down in flesh?"

"No. Verbose is verbose. It's a sort of demeanor and look hard to describe."

"Am I verbose?"

"No."

"Is it anything against the purfeshun?"

"No."

"Won't discourage women from passing out cold victuals and old clothes?"

"Not a bit."

"Then I'm satisfied. I didn't know but it was some new thing—something to work against us—and I wanted to know. Couldn't many of the boys be verbose if they wanted to, could they?"

"No."

"Then it won't spread?"

"Oh, no."

"All right—that's all. I've dodged most everything for 22 years past and am glad I don't have to worry over this. No verbosity here, thank you. May be all right, but unction has carried me safely through thus far."—Detroit Free Press.

"Perfect Lemonade."

Perfect lemonade is made as follows, says The Health Magazine: For a quart, take the juice of 3 lemons, using the rind of one of them. Carefully peel the rind very thin, getting just the yellow outside. Cut this into pieces and put with the juice and powdered sugar, of which use 2 ounces to the quart in a jug or jar with a cover. When the water is just at the boiling point, pour it over the lemon and sugar, cover at once and let get cold. Try this way once and see if it is not delicious.

Romance of a Song.

The familiar song, "I'll Hang My Harp on a Willow Tree," has attached to it a bit of royal romance. It was written by a young nobleman, who became enamored of Queen Victoria a year or so before she ascended the British throne, which event destroyed his hopes of winning her hand. The words first appeared in an English magazine set to music by Wellington Guernsey.

Had Suffered From It.

"A great many people are too quick to act on an assumption," observed a philosopher.

"Yes," replied the theatrical manager, "on an assumption that they know how to act."—Washington Star.

Soda should never be dissolved in hot water, because if it is some of the gases would then be liberated and wasted, and a greater amount of soda would be needed to make good this waste than if the soda were dissolved in cold water.

"As dead as a herring" is an expression arising from the fact that herring die very quickly after being taken out of the water.

A CHRISTMAS GREETING.

To the Morning Star:

GENTLEMEN—We take unqualified pleasure in extending to you a most cordial invitation to our closing services to-day, of more than eleven years' pastorate at the Central Baptist Church. You have lent us no little aid and encouragement in our church work. Please accept our thanks for the kindness and our prayer for success in all your laudable objects, and, may God bless your soul and body.

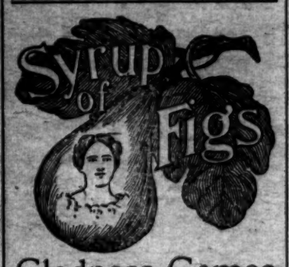
Most respectfully,

L. T. CHRISTMAS.

January 10, 1897.

An attempt was made yesterday morning to burn the Wharton building in Radford, Va., in which are the court room and clerk's office, the object being, it is supposed, to destroy the court records. The fire was extinguished before much damage was done. The incendiary is being hunted with hounds.

"The *Tribune*, the only Republican daily newspaper in North Carolina, will make its first appearance to-day in Raleigh. It will be an eight-page paper.



Gladness Comes

With a better understanding of the transient nature of the many physical ills, which vanish before proper efforts—gentle efforts—pleasant efforts—rightly directed. There is comfort in the knowledge, that so many forms of sickness are not due to any actual disease, but simply to a constipated condition of the system, which the pleasant family laxative, Syrup of Figs, promptly removes. That is why it is the only remedy with millions of families, and is everywhere esteemed so highly by all who value good health. Its beneficial effects are due to the fact, that it is the one remedy which promotes internal cleanliness without debilitating the organs on which it acts. It is therefore all important, in order to get its beneficial effects, to note when you purchase, that you have the genuine article, which is manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. only and sold by all reputable druggists.

If in the enjoyment of good health, and the system is regular, laxatives or other remedies are then not needed. If afflicted with any actual disease, one may be commended to the most skillful physicians, but if in need of a laxative, one should have the best, and with the well-informed everywhere, Syrup of Figs stands highest and is most largely used and gives most general satisfaction.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

☞ NOTICES FOR SALE or Rent, Lost and Found Wants, and other short miscellaneous advertisements inserted in this Department, in solid Nonpareil type, on first or fourth page, at Publisher's option, for 1 cent per word each insertion; but no advertisement taken for less than 20 cents. Terms positively cash in advance.

FOR RENT—A Desirable Store centrally located, on Market between Front and Second streets. Address A K., care STAR office. jan 10 1t*

HAY—Timothy Hay, mixed Clover hay, Prairie Hay, Straw, Grain and all kinds of mixed feed for horses and cattle. Jno. S. McEachern, 211 Market St. Telephone 92. oct 17 tf

Hayden, F. R., has in stock buggies, road Carts and harness of all kinds. Repairing done by skilful workmen on short notice. Opposite new Court House. oct 27

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

We Are Headquarters

And The Largest Dealers in the State for

School Books,

adopted by the counties of North Carolina.

Merchants will find our discounts liberal, and will save freight and time by sending their orders to us.

We carry a large stock of

Blank Books and Office Supplies,

bought from first hands for cash, and we guarantee lowest prices.

Sole Agents for Remington Standard Typewriters, and Edison's Mimeograph and Supplies.

Send for price list.

C. W. Yates & Co.

117 Market St., Wilmington, N. C.

jan 10 tf

CUT PRICES AT

MERCER & EVANS.

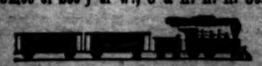
We want feet to fit our SHOES. All sizes. If you've got a pair we wish you'd bring them to us. We don't see how we are going to get rid of this large stock of good wearing and excellent fitting Shoes unless you do. New lines are being added constantly, and prices are cut to the lowest point.

Respectfully,

Mercer & Evans,

jan 7 tf 113 Princess street.

Office of Sec'y of W., C & A. R. R. Co.



WILMINGTON, N. C., January 4th, 1897.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta Railroad Company have instructed the Treasurer to pay to all holders of record of this date three per cent dividend on the capital stock of that company. Dividend due and payable Monday, January 11th, 1897.

JAMES F. POST, Jr.,
Secretary and Treasurer
W. C. & A. R. R. Co.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

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SPIKES.
OVENS.
NAILS.

J. W. Murchison,

Orton Building,

dec 31 tf Wilmington, N. C.

Coal Prices.

We are Wilmington Agents for the celebrated

Pocahontas Coals,

mined in Virginia, and the popular

Jellico Coals

of Tennessee as mined by the Southern Jellico Coal Co. of Knoxville.

For domestic use we offer these HIGH GRADE COALS as follows:

One Ton $4 50.

Half Ton $2.25.

Quart'r Ton $1 25.

All lumps, free from slack as is practicable for Soft Coal to be delivered.

Our friends and patrons may depend on us to protect their interests at all times.

J. A. SPRINGER & CO.

jan 1 tf

WINDOW SHADES.

Felt Shades, patent spring rollers, complete, 13½c. Opaque shades, in linens, gray and green, 25c. Scalloped Fringed Shades, sold elsewhere for 50c. our price 30c.

A 75c Shade with heavy knotted Fringe, only 49c Best quality Scotch Holland, our price 75c.

CURTAIN POLES.

All colors, complete with Brass Trimmings 25c. All colors, complete with Wood Trimmings 20c.

MATTINGS.

A splendid Matting 10c yard.
Good seamless Matting 15c yard.
Cotton warp plain with Jap figures only 19c.
Extra heavy 25c Mattings 20½c.
Door Mats 9c.

FLOOR OIL CLOTHS.

Yard wide 25c, pretty patterns in 3-4, 6-4 and 8-4.

RUGS, RUGS.

Rugs at all prices, 45 60, 85 and 98c.
Moquet Rugs, beautiful styles, $3.00 size $2.50; $3.50 size $4.25.

CARPETS.

Hemp, yard wide 12c, better quality 18c.
A splendid Ingrain Carpet just received at 25c yard.
50c quality Wool Ingrain, our price 39 yard.
Some splendid values in Brussels, Moquet and Axminster Carpets.

Special cut prices in our

Clothing Department,
Dry Goods Department,
Shoe Department.

Give us a call, it will pay you.
Bell Phone 118. Inter-State Phone 318.

J. H. REHDER & Co.,

617 and 619 North Fourth street.

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COAL! COAL!!

WE ARE SELLING THE VERY

Best Tennessee and Virginia

LUMP COAL

—AT—

1 Ton	$4 50
½ Ton	2 25
¼ Ton	1 25

Cheaper than wood.

W. E. WORTH & CO.

jan 8 tf

Collector's Notice.

HAVING BEEN APPOINTED COLLECTOR of the estate of C. H. Capps, deceased, by the Clerk of the Superior Court of New Hanover County, I hereby notify all persons indebted to the said C. H. Capps to make immediate payment to me, and those to whom the said Capps was indebted at the time of his death will present their claims to me before the 25th day of December, 1897, or this notice will be plead in bar of recovery. THOS. J. GORE, Collector.

dec 23 1m

January Offerings.

Winter will soon be gone and Spring Goods MUST find space on our shelves.

For the above reason we are offering some special values in Winter wear. The cut in prices represent a saving of

TWENTY-FIVE PER CENT.

LADIES' & MISSES' JACKETS

At a discount of 25 per cent. from regular price.

GENTS' UNDERWEAR (RED).

All Wool Scarlet Shirts worth $1.50 each for 75c each. See window display.

ALL REMNANTS

Of Dress Goods, Laces, Linens, Carpet, &c., at 20 per cent. discount.

AGENTS FOR

Warner's Corsets, R. and G. Corsets, Thompson's Glove Fitting Corsets, C-B-Ala Spirite Corsets, Her Majesty's Corsets.

CORSETS, FRENCH WOVEN.

Do you wear an 18, 20, 27 or 29 Corsets? We are offering the above sizes in a special line at 25 cents pair.

ALL WOOL BLANKETS 11 4.

A special lot of large size Blankets for $3.00 pair.

CURTAIN MUSLINS.

We are offering a special value in Muslin at 18c yd.

EXCLUSIVE AGENTS

For Centemeri's Kid Gloves, Foster's Kid Gloves, Cleus's Thumb Kid Gloves, Jaros' Underwear, Kaiser's Underwear, Trovvil's Underwear.

Exclusive Agents for

Richard Hudnut's Toilet Requisites.

A. D. BROWN,

Successor to BROWN & RODDICK,

No. 129 North Front St.

jan 10 tf

A Big Stock of Goods

FOR SALE at a price, and that price a good deal less than cost on a good many things. The firm of Braddy & Gaylord, of Wilmington's Big Racket Store, is on the eve of dissolving copartnership, and they are very anxious to raise a large amount of money. The store will be continued on by one of the old firm and the other one will go to the city of New York and open up a store there. At this present time we are very anxious to raise a large amount of cash money, and for that purpose we cut our entire stock of goods. We need the money and you need the goods. We will sell a great deal of our stock for less than cost.

Good Umbrellas, worth 60c, now at 45c. Our good Gloria Umbrellas, worth $1 00, now at 80c.

Men's Suits of black and blue Cheviot, worth $6 00, now at 4 50. Fine heavy Wool Suits, worth $8 00, now 6 00. Very nice Clay Worsted, worth $10 00, now 7 85. Overcoats worth $7 00, now 4 75. Men's wool Under Shirts, worth 60c, now 43c. Ladies' Knit Under Shirts, worth 25c, now 17c. Boys' Under Pants and Shirts from 12c to 25c each. Women's Combination Suits, worth 50c, now at 43c. Children's Combination Suits, worth 35c now at 29c. Ladies' fine Merino Under Vests, worth 50c, now at 44c.

Girls' check Tam O'Shanter Caps with 9 quills at 14c each, worth 25c. Ladies' Sailor Hats at 9c. Ladies' Trimmed Hats in felt and straw at almost half price. A good Hat trimmed for 50, 75c and $1 00. We trim all Hats free of cost to you if you buy the Hat and material from us.

A job lot of Cloaks to close at half price.

We are cutting staple goods. Our 1 yard heavy White Homespun, worth 5c, now 4½c. Our Sea Island 1 yard wide, beautiful goods, cheap at 5c, now 4½c. Our Bed Tick worth 10c now 7c. 1 yard wide Bleaching, worth 6c, now 4½c. 36 inches double-fold Tricots, worth 12½c, now 8½c. Fruit of the Loom, 1 yard, worth 8c, now 6½c. Lace Curtains worth 60c, now 44c. Our 20c Jeans now 14c; our 10c Jeans now at 7c. Shoes of all kinds to close at a price.

We want money, and to get it we will sell you big values. We must have the cash, and for it we will sell lots of our goods for less than cost.

You will find what we say to be true if you will call to see us within 20 days.

We are at 119 North Front street, opposite the Orton Hotel.

Braddy & Gaylord, Props,
Of Wilmington's Big Racket Store.

P. S—All parties that have accounts with us, we would be glad to have them settle up, as we want to close all of the partnership books.

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C. W. Polvogt & Co.,

No. 9 North Front St.

Jackets and Blankets

Prices Reduced. Profit Yours.

WE BEGIN WITH THE JACKETS.

Not one of the hundreds of handsome up-to-date Garments escapes the price-pruner's knife. Profits go aglimmering and in many instances cost is lost sight of. There's just this about it, the stock is going to be reduced and we invite every woman in this community who has the most remote idea of making a cloak purchase this season to be first on the ground. The pick and choose is worth something.

Former Price $7.50 to $10.00, Now $5.00.
Former Price $10.50 to 15.00, Now $7.50.
Former Price $15,00 to 22.50, Now $10.00.

25 Per Cent. Discount on Our Blankets.

C. W. Polvogt & Co.,

Sole Agents for Butterick's Patterns and W. B. Corsets. dec 13 tf

GREETING.

At the beginning of the New Year we desire to express our gratitude to all who have favored us with their patronage. We have endeavored to gain your confidence by truthfully representing our goods, and by giving good value for every cent paid us. The same policy will be pursued in the future. Wishing our patrons a Happy New Year, we are

Very respectfully,

PETERSON & RULFS.

jan 3 tf

Dissolution.

THE FIRM OF DIVINE & CHADBOURN has this day been dissolved by mutual consent. The business of Paints, Oil, Sash, Doors and Blinds will be continued by the firm of M. W. Divine & Co., to whom all debts due the old firm are payable.

Having retired from the firm of Divine & Chadbourn, I solicit for my successors, M. W. Divine & Co., the same generous patronage which has always been bestowed on us.

C. C. CHADBOURN.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 31, 1896. jan 1 1m

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Notice.

THE UNDERSIGNED OFFERS HIS SERvices to the public as accountant, copyist or in revising manuscripts on literary or scientific subjects on reasonable terms for such work.

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Shoes For The Boys.

Boys are apt to be hard on Shoes, but we have the Shoes adapted to rough usage. One pair of our youth's Kangaroo Calf Lace Shoes at $1.25, or a pair of our "Little Dude" Shoes at $1.25 will convince you that for economy we have the Shoe. Be sure and see them before purchasing elsewhere.

Geo. R. French & Sons.

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For Rent,

THE STORE No. 106 NORTH Water street, now occupied by J. L. Cronn & Co. Apply to

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